

DT was 28 years old woman from Bara Kalajore village of Godda district. This was DT's third pregnancy and she had two children aged about three and six years. She had no complications during her 7 months. She received one TT injection from ANM on the seventh month about ten days before her death. A week before her death she had a fall in her paternal home which made her difficult to get up while lying and tied her to the bed. Her husband BM was addicted to alcohol and did not pay any attention or care to look for her health. As per Sahiya she had become extremely weak and frail and probably had been starving for days; she had also been defecating on her bed, the whole house was extremely untidy. It seems that the child had probably died inside. On 11.07.2012 around 4 pm when BM came to the Sahiya stating DT is having labor pains, the Sahiya called the Free Ambulance Service (Mamta Wahan) which arrived and took her to the CHC at Sundarpahari however by 5 pm she was referred to District Hospital-Godda where she reached by 5:45 pm. As no bed was available she was made to lie on the ground, in spite of the Sahiya requesting the nurses to give her a bed, they simply told her "Find some bed on your own" which was in vain. No entries were made of DT on the hospital register and neither any doctor nor nurse examined her. As the Mamta Wahan was leaving back for Sundarpahari, the Sahiya left (as she had a terrible tooth ache) leaving only her husband. Not knowing what to do BM left for help from his elder sister residing in a village Surotia (near Godda), by the time they came back to the hospital DT had expired halfway through IV.