

SH was 26 years old belong to Schedule Tribe and resident of Salaiyya village in Godda district. This was SH's fifth pregnancy; at 8.5 months she had light bleeding for 15 minutes. On 20.07.12 about midnight she had labour pains and bleeding. Her relatives carried her on a cot to the nearby mission dispensary about a km. away. Her husband had meanwhile gone in search of a vehicle. At the dispensary there were no doctor or nurse available and thus when her husband returned after 3 hours with a vehicle she was taken to a mission hospital about 20 km away. After seeing SH's condition in the vehicle itself she was referred to Godda. They reached another mission hospital at Godda in half an hour but there also before alighting from the vehicle she was referred to Bhagalpur (70 km away in Bihar); all through SH was bleeding and the doctor at Godda told that she has to receive blood transfusion and this is not possible in Godda. They reached another mission hospital at Bhagalpur by 8 am on 21.07.12 where the doctor examined her and put her on IV and gave some injections, blood and urine test was also done, however bleeding did not stop. At 8 pm doctor asked for arranging for blood, thus SH's relatives left for Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital-JNMCH in Bhagalpur. Meanwhile at 9 pm SH delivered on the cot, she was taken to the labour room; the child was very weak and had respiratory stress, died within 15 minutes. After delivery SH's condition worsened, she was put in oxygen; by this time 2 of her relatives had already donated blood but this could not be given as she expired by 10 pm. The family incurred the following expenses: Vehicle- Rs 3200, Nursing Home charges- Rs 2000, Diagnostics- Rs 2500, Medicines- Rs 1000, disposal of the dead child - Rs 1000 and a total of Rs 9700.