

**Ms. Reba Bewa**, wife of Rajib Molla (deceased) from village-Ghoshpara, Post Office-Rajapur, Police Station-Raninagar, District-Murshidabad, West Bengal. Her husband was the only earning member in the family but on



15.02.2014 he was tortured to death in police custody of Raninagar Police Station. In the matter of custodial death of her husband, she moved to the High Court, Calcutta for appropriate relief and in the final order the Court directed the state government to pay Rs.3 Lakh as compensation to her being the next kin of her deceased husband within six weeks from the order. The order was passed on 06.09.2017 in connection with W.P. No.16457/2015 but till date she did not get the compensation amount from the state government as directed by the Court. She has submitted two written representations before the District Magistrate, Murshidabad on 13.11.2017 and on 07.12.2017 seeking appropriate action from his end so that the compensation amount as directed by the Court is disbursed to her at the

earliest, but the District Magistrate, Murshidabad till date maintained a complete silence on her prayer. Due to her continuous fight for justice in the matter of custodial death of her husband she became an eyesore to the local police and administration. For long she has been a victim of deprivation from all facilities under the social and economical benefit schemes run by the government. She and her two minor children are being deprived from enlistment under the BPL Category. She has no landed property in her name. She with her children lives in a thatched tiny room which suffered heavy damage during the last monsoon. The house is now in complete dilapidated and not in habitable condition. But she is compelled to live there as she has no other alternative shelter and has no money to repair the house. Moreover, being a widow she did not get any pension, job card under the MGNREGA or other financial aid till date to make her independent both socially and economically. Ms. Reba Bewa for long moved to Rajapur Gram Panchyat for appropriate relief under the problems as stated above. But the Prodhan of the said gram panchayat did not incline to take any action for her relief. Being distressed she lodged a written application on 08.01.2018 before the Prodhan of Rajapur Gram Panchyat again seeking appropriate relief. The Prodhan of Rajapur Gram Panchyat even after receipt of the application asked her to meet with the Block Development Officer, Block-Raninagar-II and file application before him. Ms. Reba Bewa accordingly went to the Office of the Block Development Officer, Block-Raninagar-II for consecutive dates, but the authorities there refused to accept her application after putting her under severe harassment.

**Just now we received an information that Ms. Reba Bewa received a cheque amounting Rs. 3 lakh on 30th March 2018 as per direction of Calcutta High Court.**