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Case Reference: INT/KOL/2023/150

Mr. Kunal Aggarwal Complainant

vs

R B Diagnostics Centre..... Respondent/ Respondents

ORDER SHEET

Office Note	Order No.	Date	Order
	1.	07/09/2023	<p>The complaint would relate to a faulty Ultrasound Report. The complaint would contend, he went to R.B. Diagnostics, the CE above named, on February 25, 2023 for Ultrasound examination of his father for whole abdomen. The report did not find any serious issue with regard to liver . The relevant extract is quoted below:-</p> <p><i>“LIVER:</i></p> <p><i>Liver is mildly enlarged in size (157mm) having normal shape, regular smooth outline Echogenicity is within normal limits. Hepatic echo-texture is mildly coarsened.</i></p> <p><i>Right: left lobar volume distribution appears within normal limit. No focal parenchymal lesion is evident.</i></p> <p><i>Intrahepatic biliary radicles are not dilated. Branches of</i></p>

Portal vein are normal."

"IMPRESSION:

- Mild hepatomegaly with mildly coarsened hepatic echotexture.*
- Right renal simple cortical cyst.*
- Prostatomegaly & median lobe hypertrophy and insignificant (8 ml) post void residual urine."*

On a repeat examination on May 5, 2023 done at the same CE by a different Sonologist, the complication could be found out. The concerned Sonologist has found out so many nodules and one of the larger one would measure 15x15 mm. in segment VI.

Relevant extract is quoted below:-

"LIVER:

Normal in size (143 mm) Parenchymal echotexture is heterogeneous with nodular surface. Multiple well-defined hypoechoic nodules are seen in right lobe of liver, one of the larger ones measures 15 x 15 mm in segment VI. Intrahepatic biliary radicles are not dilated."

“ IMPRESSION:

- *Chronic liver disease with liver nodules as described....? nature ? neoplastic.*

Adv: Further evaluation by Triphasic CECT Abdomen.

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The concerned Sonologist suggested further evaluation by Triphasic CECT Abdomen. Accordingly, the complainant went to Hyderabad and the disease was confirmed to be a stage 4 carcinoma in liver.

Our experts on the panel are Ad-idem on the issue, the examination report dated February 25, 2023 is liable to scrutiny as it would be difficult to conceive of how within 68 days between the two reports so many nodules could be found out.

The representative of the R.B. Diagnostics is directed to share both the plates with the Commission within a week from date so that we can forward those plates along with the reports to the West Bengal Medical Council for an appropriate scrutiny as to whether the

report dated February 25, 2023 would suggest any negligence and/or deficiency in service on the part of the concerned Sonologist.

In case the Counsel makes any positive finding as against the report we shall re-open the issue and pass appropriate order of compensation as against the Diagnostic Centre.

With this direction, the complaint is disposed of.

Sd/-

The Hon'ble Chairperson

Sd/-

Prof. (Dr.) Sukumar Mukherjee – Member

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Prof. (Dr.) Makhan Lal Saha – Member

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Dr. Maitrayee Banerjee – Member

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Smt Madhabi Das – Member

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