APPENDIX IV

CASE REPORTS

Case - 1

Mr. R., aged 39, met with an accident while riding on his two-wheeler. The accident was due to his drunken driving. He was an alcoholic. He was a fitter by profession. He was married, having two children. He suffered a severe injury on the right temporal region and showed signs of brainstem involvement. He was delirious during the acute phase. He remained in the hospital for four weeks. He suffered from amnestic syndrome following the recovery from acute crisis. He stopped drinking alcohol completely and his spouse, children and in-laws were happy over this. He however had behaviour problems like irritability and amotivation.

After one and a half years he started drinking again and in due course his drinking became excessive. His behaviour problems were more marked and annoying to the family members. He could not continue in an easier job offered by a well-wisher. He was totally dysfunctional as a husband and as a parent. He totally abstained from marital sex. His wife took up to tailoring
in order to meet the family expenses. Family experienced many financial difficulties. Children had to leave the convent school in the nearby town and join a local school as their mother could not afford to the former. One day Mr. R. left the home when his wife chided him for his drinking spree and he returned after 6 months.

Case - 2

Mrs. S., a 34 year old villager, sustained head injury due to fall from the pillion of a two-wheeler. She was comatose for 10 hours and amnesic for 10 days. She had linear skull fracture on the right parietal region.

During the follow-up after an interval of 18 months she was found to be highly irritable and excessively concerned about her bodily symptoms. She also suffered from reactive depression because of the hearing impairment in the left ear.

Three years after the injury, all these psychological sequelae persisted. At this time she confided that her sexual desire has increased after the injury. She admitted of having frequent sexual intercourse with her brother-in-law. She said that she would like to have a variety in sex. During one of her sex encounters with her brother-in-law she was caught red-handed.
handed by her husband. Since then there were frequent quarrels between her and her husband. She disliked having sex with her husband. She could hardly control her sexual urge eventhough she had a teenage daughter and an adolescent son at home.

Case - 3

Mr. A., a 30 year old load man was hit on his head with a big stone while sleeping. The injury was on the left frontal region and he had a depressed fracture in the skull, requiring surgery. He had early post-traumatic seizures. He was hospitalised for two weeks. He suffered from frontal lobe syndrome. He was an alcoholic before the trauma. He had a chronic headache and marked behaviour problems like irritability and amotivation. He was grossly dysfunctional at the workspot. One day he picked up a quarrel with a worker and assaulted him. A complaint against him was lodged with the local police. At this stage his employer intervened and asked him to leave the job. He went back to his native place. He beat his wife very often causing injuries. The family had to depend on parents and in-laws for financial support. Though he had stopped drinking alcohol after the injury, he started drinking again after a year.
Case - 4

Mr. C., aged 45, a worker in powerloom industry, sustained an extensive head injury in a road accident. He had a skull fracture for which a surgery was performed. He was comatose for 3 hours and amnesic for 3 days. He stayed in the hospital for four weeks. He was an alcoholic. His first wife had died and he was living with his second wife. Even after one year, he was dysfunctional. He had sexual dysfunction and his wife eloped with the neighbour. She returned after a year but conflicts were frequent between them. He was highly irritable and violent. He was severely depressed over his sexual inadequacy and persistent headache aggravated by the noise in the industry prevented him from working regularly. This led to financial difficulties in the family. The children were stopped from school and made to work.

Case - 5

Mr. J., a 50 year old workshop owner, met with a road traffic accident resulting in head injury on the left frontal region. The injury was very severe as he had signs of brainstem involvement. Korasakoff syndrome followed. His workshop had to be closed. He was the sole bread winner in the family. His brother, an engineer in
U.S.A., is helping the family financially. The whole family responsibility fell on the shoulders of his wife. The entire family is pre-occupied with the victim's psychiatric problems.

Case - 6

A 45 year old ex-serviceman, Mr. M., was hit by a lorry while riding on a bicycle. He sustained head injury on the right temporal region with a linear fracture of skull. He was comatose for about three weeks. The amnesia lasted for 45 days. He had signs of brainstem involvement. While recovering from acute phase he had delirium. When interviewed at the 36th month follow-up, he showed evidence of irritability, amotivation and disinhibited behaviour. He was also demented. He also had delusions of infidelity of his wife. He was very violent often beating his wife incessantly. He tried to push his wife from the terrace of the house on three occasions. He would not allow his wife to talk with any of their relatives or neighbours if they were males. Because of him the family was isolated in the community. Because of his violence the children were scared to go near him.
The victim received a sum of Rs.1000/- as compensation to the injury. This was just sufficient to clear the debts incurred by the family because of the loss of regular income. The strained family interaction and emotional burden to the family, however, persisted.

Case - 7

Mr. S., aged 22 years, a carpenter, met with an accident near his native village while travelling in a lorry. Earlier he had made arrangements to go to a Gulf country for better prospects. The accident took place just a few weeks prior to his proposed transit.

The injury was on the right occipital region. He suffered from delusions and hallucinosis. He also had ringing sound in his ears, and visual disturbances in the form of double vision. Though very much he desired to resume work he could not. He was highly irritable. He was rude to his siblings. One day when his sister was walking along the field he pushed her down and beat her causing multiple injuries on the face and head. She became unconscious. Their father came running but he ran away and returned home only after a week.

He was suffering from a marked degree of disinhibited behaviour. One day he chased a teenage girl
in the paddy field and attempted to molest her. The villagers nabbed him and fined him Rs. 1000/-. They warned him and the family of dire consequences if he did not behave properly.

Case - 8

Twenty nine years old butcher, Mr. M. was injured on his head in a road traffic accident. The injury was on the right occipital region. He was comatose for an hour and PTA lasted for four days. He was hospitalised for a fortnight. He was unmarried but sexually promiscuous before the episode.

He developed delusional syndrome after recovery from acute crisis. He complained of lack of libido and premature ejaculation. Relatives forced him to marry.

After marriage he would not allow his wife to go out or talk to anybody. When the researcher counselled him to meet a psychiatrist along with his wife, he had a delusion that the doctor might exploit the situation and asked for a lady psychiatrist. His wife had to put up with any illness since he would not allow her to visit a doctor. He was irritable, often violent and over anxious about his sexual inadequacy. He shiveres while cutting the mutton and hence could not carry on with his business.
Mr. K., aged 50, a broker for buying and selling cattle, sustained head injury due to fall of a heavy hammer while digging a well in his land. The injury was on his left parietal region and had depressed fracture underneath. He underwent immediate surgery and was hospitalised for a month. He developed hemiplegia on the right side and was bed ridden even three years after the injury. He had features of depression. He had to be fully dependent on his wife. He had given loan to some of his neighbours and they cheated him as there was no documentary evidence of the transaction. To add to this some of his relatives tried to occupy a portion of his land. His wife sought the help of police and the civil court. She incurred an expenditure of Rs. 3000/- to get back their land. The entire family responsibility fell on the wife. The income she earned by selling buffalo's milk was meagre. She could not cope with the burden and became frustrated.