

Granted.

Mr. Rajeev Kumar states that if one peruses the affidavit filed on 19th September, 2013 by one Smt. Sangeeta Kumari, the then Superintendent of Police, Crime Investigation Division (CID), Jharkhand at Ranchi, the total number of rape cases registered in the State of Jharkhand from January, 2013 to August, 2013 were 917, out of which on completion of the investigation, charge sheet in terms of Section 173 Cr.P.C. was filed in 451 cases, whereas 73 cases were dropped as untraced on account of insufficiency of evidence and that 393 cases were still under investigation. At that time, 207 cases were shown to be pending before the court concerned for trial. Mr. Rajeev Kumar states that the State may be directed to place on record the latest information with regard to the total number of rape cases registered by the Police agency up to 31st March, 2015 making it further clear that in how many cases the investigation is not complete.

6. Mr. Rajesh Shankar states that for supplying this information to the Court, he needs the same time as already granted for supplying the aforesaid information.

7. Let us now advert to the concern shown by the Court with regard to the preventive measures to be taken by the State, so as to prevent these kinds of incidents in near future. In our view, some steps can be taken in the following manner:-

Steps required to be taken on administrative side :

- (i) Sensitization of Police officers working at all levels,
- (ii) Strengthening Police Stations with trained officials to deal with such cases,
- (iii) To establish helpline(s) at all levels.

Awareness can be created through:

- (i) Information Department
- (ii) Women and Child Development Department
- (iii) Education Department in the school and colleges,
- (iv) Para-legal volunteers appointed by Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority/District Legal Services Authority/Talluka Level

Legal Services Committee.

(iv) NGOs.

We expect that State would consider the suggestions put forth by the Court in the right perspective and evolve a strategic plan to prevent such like incidents happening in the State of Jharkhand quite frequently.

9. We will appreciate, if the Secretary, Home Department and the Director General of Police, Jharkhand would step in and take certain remedial measures in this regard without any waste of time, if not already taken. Let a detailed report be submitted to the Court on or before the next date of hearing.

10. List again on 23rd June, 2015.

11. Copy of this order be provided to learned counsel for both the sides under the seal and signature of the Court Master.

12. Our order be placed before Hon'ble the Executive Chairman of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA) for His Lordship's perusal and consideration.

Sd/-
(Virender Singh, C.J.)

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(P.P. Bhatt, J.)

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Ranchi

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