

# Probe ordered into escape of juveniles

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**RANCHI:** The Jharkhand legal service authority ordered on Monday an inquiry into the escape of six young offenders from a probation home on Ranchi's outskirts even as two of them returned.

The observation home at Dumardaga houses juveniles in conflict with law arrested from Ranchi, Palamu, Garhwa, Latehar and Khunti districts.

The six boys — allegedly involved in cases of rape, left-wing extremist activities and thefts — escaped from the state-run observation home at Dumardaga scaling the 15-foot-high barbed wire-fencing wall using bedsheets tied into a rope.

The incident exposed lack of security arrangements at the observation home as the undertrial children allegedly escaped at different times in a span of 14 hours without the notice of the policemen on duty.

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■ The observation home at Dumardaga on the outskirts of Ranchi. Diwakar Parasad/ht photo

Services Authority has asked Ranchi principal judicial commissioner AV Singh to set up an inquiry into the matter and submit a detailed report.

"Two children, residents of Khunti and Ranchi, have been brought back to the observation home by their parents," said Singh.

He said security arrangements of the observation home would be discussed at Tuesday meeting with the officials of Ranchi district administration and social and welfare department, which runs the home.

"The department had earlier been asked to construct watch tower and install CCTV camer-

## GREAT ESCAPE

- Two of the six boys who escaped the Dumardaga observation home scaling a 15-foot-high barbed wire-fencing wall were brought back by their parents
- The incident occurred at different times in a span of 14 hours without the notice of the policemen on duty
- Principal judicial commissioner will discuss security issues with district administration and social and welfare department, which runs the home on Tuesday.

as in the observation home. The proposal for fund sanction is pending with the government," Singh said.

"We will seek report from the Ranchi deputy commissioner who looks after day-to-day affairs of the observation home," said social welfare secretary Vinay Choubey.