

# ₹1L aid for girl who refused marriage

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**Gumla:** Chief minister Raghubar Das on Wednesday announced rupees one lakh support to Mamta, the 14-year-old from Gumla who refused to be forced into marriage by her parents.

Mamta Kumari was enrolled in Kasturba Gandhi Girls School (KGBV), Baghima in Palkot block here on Wednesday. She was kept in the custody of the Gumla child welfare committee (CWC) after being produced by police on Tuesday.

"The decision to enroll her in a school was taken at a meeting of the district legal services authority (DLSA) presided over by the district judge-cum DLSA chairman ARK Sinha after Mamta was brought before it by

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the chairperson of Gumla CWC Tagren Panna," said DLSA secretary Yashwant Prakash.

Mamta's father and some other relatives were also present in the meeting. The decision to admit her in Baghima KGBV was taken in the meeting, he said.

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ned ignorance about the marriage and said nothing of this sort will happen in the future, added Panna said.

Since her parents do not want Mamta to continue her studies in Ghaghra High School, KGBV Baghima was thought as the best option, added the DLSA secretary.

The DEO, DSE and chairperson of CWC took the girl to Baghima and enrolled her in the residential school this afternoon.

Her parents also accompanied them. "After getting a representation from Mamta, DLSA had sought direction from the executive chairman of Jharkhand Legal Services Authority (JALSA) Justice DN Patel on February 1. Following this, further action was initiated," said Prakash.