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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ CRL.A. 1139/2018

SURAJ TANTI

.....Appellant

Through: Ms. Anu Narula, Advocate
(DHCLSC).

versus

STATE

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Pradeep Gahalot, APP for State

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ KUMAR OHRI

ORDER

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13.08.2025

1. Issue notice of the appeal to the victim, through all permissible modes, returnable on the next date of hearing.
2. Considering the fact that the present appeal involves offence punishable under Section 376 IPC, the I.O. shall also inform the complainant/victim about her right to free legal aid/representation in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court in Jagjeet Singh v. Ashish Mishra, reported as **(2022) 9 SCC 321**, and if required, shall assist the complainant in approaching the Secretary, Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee, who may appoint a panel counsel, if so requested. I.O. shall also supply a copy of the paper book to the complainant, as well as to the counsel, if so appointed.
3. Notably, on the last date of hearing, the appellant was directed to be served through the IO, however neither any service report is filed in this regard nor the appellant is present in the court.



4. In view of the above, issue fresh notice to the appellant, to be executed through the concerned SHO, returnable on 15.10.2025, failing which the SHO concerned will remain present in the Court on the next date of hearing. The IO/SHO shall also inform the victim about the next date of hearing.

MANOJ KUMAR OHRI, J

AUGUST 13, 2025/rd