

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W. P. (Cr.) No. 83 of 2026

Chithu Pradhan, S/o Sawna Pradhan, R/o Village- Jamgai Durutoli, Pibo,
Silam, PO and PS- Raidih, District- Gumla.

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Versus

1. State of Jharkhand through the Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Women and Child Development, Project Building, HEC, PO and PS- Dhurwa, District- Ranchi.
2. Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority, through its Secretary, Doranda, Ranchi.
3. District Legal Services Authority, Gumla through its Secretary, District Court, Gumla.
4. Deputy Commissioner, Gumla Respondent(s)

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CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GAUTAM KUMAR CHOUDHARY

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For the Petitioner (s) : Mr. Shailesh Poddar, Advocate
For the State : Mrs. Amrita Banerjee, AC to GP.I

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02/ 11.02.2026. Heard, learned counsel for the parties.

1. The instant Writ Petition (Crl.) has been filed by the victim whose mother and sister were killed allegedly by the accused after branding them as witch, for which, Raidih (Gumla) P.S. Case No.08 of 2025 was registered under Sections 103(1) of the BNS, 2023 and Sections 3 and 4 of the Jharkhand Prevention of Witch (Daain) Practices Act, 2001.
2. The petitioner filed a petition on 06.01.2026 before the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority, Doranda, Ranchi and his wife filed a petition dated 04.02.2025 before the District Legal Services Authority, Gumla through its Secretary, District Court, Gumla for getting compensation under the Jharkhand State Victim Compensation Scheme, 2019.
3. Petitioner seeks compensation under the victim compensation scheme.
4. It appears that Petitioner and his wife have already move Legal Services Authority for victim compensation which has not been disposed of.
5. Under the circumstance, petitioner(s) will personally appear with the fresh copy of the said petition along with, a copy of this order along with requisite details, before the District Legal Services Authority, Gumla through its Secretary, District Court, Gumla for getting victim

compensation under the Jharkhand State Victim Compensation Scheme, 2019 within two weeks. DLSA, Gumla shall dispose of the application for compensation within four weeks thereafter.

The instant Writ Petition (Crl.) stands disposed of. Pending I.A., if any, also stands disposed of.

6. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the District Legal Services Authority, Gumla for its compliance at once.

(Gautam Kumar Choudhary, J.)

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