

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**  
**Cr. Appeal (S.J.) No. 785 of 2003**

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1. Gaya Ram Sharma 2. Jhandulal Sharma 3. Champa Devi	<b>Versus</b>	... .. <b>Appellants</b>
The State of Jharkhand		..... <b>Respondent</b>

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP KUMAR SRIVASTAVA**

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For the Appellants	: Mr. B.M. Tripathi, Sr. Adv.
For the State	: Mr. Jitendra Pandey, A.P.P.

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**Order No. 15/ Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

Learned Sr. counsel for the appellants and Learned APP are present.

2. It is submitted by learned Sr. counsel for the appellants that since the case is very old one and the appellants are not in contact with him and on the date of the pronouncement of the judgment by the learned trial Court, two of the appellants were more than 70 years, therefore, a report may be called for regarding whereabouts of the appellants as well as custody report.

3. In view of the above, learned APP is directed to call for a report regarding whereabouts of the appellants from the concerned Police Station and also produce the custody report of the appellants during investigation/trial and post-conviction.

4. List this case on 08<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

**(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)**

**17.04.2026**

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