

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**Contempt Case (Civil) No.314 of 2015**

 Shankar Prasad Gupta Petitioner

-Versus-

State of Jharkhand and anotherOpposite Parties

with

C.M.P. No.333 of 2015

 State of Jharkhand Petitioner

-Versus-

Shankar Prasad Gupta and othersOpposite Parties

with

W.P.(C) No.3441 of 2012

 The State of Jharkhand and others Petitioners

-Versus-

Smt. Kamala Devi and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR

 For the Petitioner :Mr. Rupesh Singh, Advocate-Commissioner
 Ms. Aprajita Bhardwaj, Advocate-Commissioner
 Mr. Vineet Prakash, AC to SC (L&C)-I
 (in W.P(C) No.3441 of 2012)
 Mr. Niraj Kishore, Adv.
 (in Cont. Case (CvI) No.314 of 2015)

For the Respondents:Mr. S. Srivastava, Adv.
 Mr. Niraj Kishore, Adv.
 (in W.P(C) No.3441 of 2012)

For the State of Bihar:Mr. Binit Chandra, AC to G.A (Bihar)

27/03.05.2019 By an order dated 01.03.2019, Mr. Rupesh Singh and Ms. Aprajita Bhardwaj, the learned counsels were appointed Advocate-Commissioners to conduct an enquiry in the matter. Mr. Manoj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Planning-cum-Finance Department, Government of Jharkhand was appointed as Nodal Officer. The Nodal Officer was directed to co-ordinate and assist the learned Advocate-Commissioners in examining the records. By this order parties were directed to co-operate with the learned Advocate-Commissioners in the enquiry and to respond to the query made to them, promptly.

Pursuant to order of this Court, meeting of the learned Advocate-Commissioners and Mr. Manoj Kumar, Nodal Officer was convened and certain decisions were taken. It appears that vide letter dated 19.03.2019 a request was sent to the Deputy-Commissioner, Lohardaga to

ensure presence of Mr. Niraj Kumar, the then Executive Magistrate. When no response was received from the Deputy-Commissioner, Lohardaga another letter was written to the Additional Collector, Lohardaga on 05.04.2019 which has a reference of the letter dated 19.03.2019 and a copy of the letter dated 05.04.2019 was marked to the Deputy-Commissioner, Lohardaga.

It appears that no response has been received from the district administration, Lohardaga.

Once again all concerned are directed to extend co-operation to the learned Advocate-Commissioners and the Nodal Officer for conduct of the enquiry by them as ordered by this Court vide order dated 01.03.2019.

Any non-co-operation by any officer shall be viewed seriously.

The Deputy-Commissioner, Lohardaga is directed to extend full co-operation to the learned Advocate-Commissioners and the Nodal Officer and respond promptly to all the requests/queries made by them.

The learned Advocate-Commissioners have tendered a copy of the Preliminary Report on the enquiry conducted by them.

Copy of the preliminary report shall be kept in a sealed-cover with the Registrar-General of this Court.

By way of interim payment, the learned Advocate-Commissioners shall be paid Rs.50000/- each by the Department of Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms, Government of Jharkhand, within four weeks.

Post the matter on 19.07.2019.

It is expected that by that time Final Report shall be submitted.

Let a copy of the order be given to the learned Advocate-Commissioners and sent to the Department of Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms, Government of Jharkhand.

(Shree Chandrashekhar, J.)