File no.3959/2012

Sri Lal Mohan Mandal s/o Sri Newa Lal Mandal, V. Thumha P.S Pipra , SUPAUL complained to the commission that he and Sri Ravindra Ram were sent to jail on 24.09.2011 for keeping illegal arms in a case registered vide Pipra P.S case no.107/2011 u/s 25(1-B)A/26 Arms Act. SP, Supaul who supervised the case on orders of DIG, Saharsa, found the case totally false and held S.I Smt. Arti Kumari Jaiswal , the then SHO, Pipra P.S, S.I Shambhu Kumar and A.S.I Brij Kishore Singh,Pipra PS responsible for fabrication of evidence and directed for institution of a criminal case against them. Lal Mohan Mandal & Ravindra Ram were released from jail after illegal detention of 56 days. The petitioner complained that these police officers are still posted in the Police Stations and have not been punished so far.

2. Consequent to the direction of the commission , **DIG, Saharsa** has submitted a report indicating :-

- (a) A criminal case vide Pipra PS case no.144/11 dated 16.12.11 u/s 167/211/218/120(B) IPC & 13(1) (D) Prevention of Corruption Act has been instituted against these officers and is being investigated by SDPO, Sadar,Supaul.
- (b) IG, Darbhanga Zone, had issued a review note (memo no. 1990/CR dated 21.12.2011) and entrusted Supervision of the above case to SP, MADHEPURA who has not yet submitted his supervision note.
- (c) Departmental Proceeding nos. 01/12, 02/12 and 03/12 have been started against these officers. Proceedings are pending conduction with Sri Nisar Ahmed Sah, SDPO, Nirmali.
- (d) SI Smt. Arti kumari Jaiswal, SI Shambhu Kumar and ASI Braj Kishore Singh are posted in **Munger, Supaul and Saharsa** districts respectively.
- (e) Adequate compensation can be awarded to Sri Lalmohan Mandal & Sri Ravindra Ram for illegal detention.

3. After careful consideration of the facts on record the commission directs IG, Darbhanga Zone to ensure:-

(a) Supervision of Pipra PS case no. 144/11 is completed by **SP**, **Madhepura** within **one month** and **investigation** of the case **concluded preferably** within three months. More than a year has passed since institution of the case.

(b) **Departmental proceedings** against the **delinquent officers** are concluded expeditiously and **orders passed in three months.**

4. The delinquent officers are at the moment posted in Munger, Supaul and Saharsa districts. DG Police should ensure that they are not in a position to influence fair conduction of Investigation of the case and the Departmental Proceeding against them.

5. Sri. Lalmohan Mandal and Sri. Ravindra Ram remained in **illegal** detention for 56 days. Commissionn, therefore, directs for payment of compensation of Rs. Thirty thousand each to Sri Mandal and Sri Ram. Principal Secretary, Home Deptt., Govt. Of Bihar to kindly ensure payment within two months.

- 6. Copy of the order be sent by **FAX** to **IG**, **Darbhanga Zone** for compliance and to DIG, Saharsa, SP, Madhepura & SP, Supaul for information.
- 7. A copy of DIG, Saharsa report be sent alongwith this order to the **Principal Secretary, Home Deptt**., Govt. Of Bihar & **DG, Police**, Bihar for necessary action.

7.2.2013

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