

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna – 15

File No **BHRC/COMP.** 3447/13

Case of **Manoj Kr. Jha (the rape victim's father)**

22.09.2014

Petitioner Mr. Manoj Kumar Jha is present. Mr. Kamod Prasad, SDPO Sadar, Madhubani is also present.

The police has also come to the conclusion that a 17 years old girl was subjected to gang rape by two persons. Both of them have been arrested; charged sheets have been filed. The victim was only 15 years old when she was subjected to rape. The trial court will take its own time whether the accused are really involved in the case or not will be a matter to be decided by the court. But it appears true as a result of investigation of the police that the girl suffered. Her safety and safety of every citizen particularly of a girl that too a minor is the duty of the state.

The government is directed to pay compensation of Rs.25,000 (rupees twenty-five thousand) to the victim as an interim compensation. The trial court has its own powers to grant compensation in appropriate cases and that issue will be decided by the trial court although the investigation has found that the age of the victim at the time of occurrence was 17 years but the petitioner, who is father of the victim, submits that he is in possession of certificate which shows her date of birth as 1998. So, according to the petitioner, she is still a minor therefore the compensation to be paid by the government shall be kept in a fixed deposit till the victim attains majority. After attaining majority she may utilize the money according to her own choice.

Copy of this order be sent to the petitioner, SP, Madhubani and Principal Secretary, Department of Home for information and necessary action, as the case may be.

(Justice Bilal Nazki)
Chairperson