

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File Nos. BHRC/Comp. CD-86/14

Case of Raj Kumar @ Lali: (Case of compensation for death in custody)

4.11.2015

Dig, Prisons, Mr. U.K. Sharan present.

Perused the record. The prisoner, Raj Kumar @ Lali, (son of Jagarnath Sah of village Rauja, P.S. Ara Nagar, district Bhojpur) was only 21 years old. He was an under-trial prisoner (of Divisional Jail Ara) and was facing charges of having committed murder of his wife.

According to the reports he committed suicide by burning himself in the jail premises. He received 90% burn injuries and later on died in hospital. DIG, Prisons submits that because of the deficiencies in the system match boxes and other inflammable materials like kerosene remains available to the inmates of the jail for the purposes of lightning. Therefore, there are sometimes chances of misuse of such items. The Commission feels that government should take up the issues and ensure that no such materials are available to the prisoners by which they can harm themselves or others since a 21 year old under-trial prisoner died in the jail by using inflammable material available, part of negligence can be attributed to the jail authorities.

The Commission is told that the deceased had no child but he has an old mother who is poor. Therefore, compensation of rupees fifty thousand (Rs.50,000) is sanctioned in favour of the deceased's mother which shall be paid within a period of four weeks.

Copy of the order be given to IG, Prisons and Principal Secretary,
Home Department for information and necessary action.

Matter is closed.

(Justice Bilal Nazki)
Chairperson