

**FILE NO. 2705/4/28/2020 JCD**

**16.06.22**

This proceeding was initiated on intimation received from Superintendent Central Jail, Buxar relating to custodial death of convict prisoner Gupteshwar Singh aged 75years of Central Jail, Buxar, during treatment at Sadar Hospital, Buxar on 25/03/2020.

The case was pending for submission of copy of post-mortem report as the earlier copy was not legible.

However, in the meantime, office has produced a web copy of an order dated 31/08/2021 passed in case no. 1212/4/7/2020 JCD relating to custodial death of convict Gupteshwar Singh of Central Jail, Buxar.

From perusal of the above order, it appears that NHRC has passed the following orders:-

“Pursuant to the direction of the Commission, the Investigation Division of NHRC, after analysis of reports submitted by the State Authorities, has submitted that convict Gupteshwar Singh (aged 75years) was admitted in the Central Jail, Buxar, Bihar on 02.06.2019 and with H/o Diabetes, BP and liver disease. He complained of stomach pain in the morning of 21.03.2020 and was immediately shifted to Govt. Hospital, Buxar where he died on 25.03.2020. As per the PMR of the deceased there was no external injury on the body of the deceased and cause of death is chronic liver disease ascitic, leading to hepatic failure. Viscera was not preserved. The ultrasound report of the deceased on 31.8.2019 shows the impression of ascitic. diabetes and hepatomegaly. According to inquest report, no external injuries were found on the body of the deceased and he died of due to his illness. As per the magisterial enquiry report, the deceased died due to liver disease. The death was natural due to old age. No foul play was found in this case. The Commission has considered findings of the Investigation Division and the reports available on record and independently observes that death of the prisoner in the instant case was on account of natural reason(Chronic liver disease Ascitic, leading to hepatic failure) and as per the analysis of records - Medical Treatment record, Post-Mortem Report and Magisterial Enquiry Report, no foul play or medical negligence was found in the case. Based on the same, the Commission is of the view that there are no reasons to have an opinion contrary to the findings of

the Investigation Division of NHRC and thus, it directs its Registry to close the instant case. CD if any, may be returned back to the State Authorities.”

Since the NHRC has come to a definite finding as stated above, after detail enquiry not finding any foul play in death of deceased convict Gupteshwar Singh as such The State Commission is not inclined to proceed further in the matter.

Accordingly, this proceeding is closed.

CD of post-mortem if available on record, be returned to the Jail authorities.

**(Justice Vinod Kumar Sinha, Retd.)**  
**Chairperson**