

File no-183/4/9/2020

24.06.2022

This proceeding was initiated on the receipt of intimation from Superintendent District Jail, Bettiah informing about death of convict prisoner of jail namely Raghunath Raut, aged about 80 years during treatment at M.K.G Hospital, Bettiah.

Required report as per the guidelines of NHRC has been received. However in the mean time office has produced a web copy of similar proceeding of NHRC in Case No-3188/4/9/2020 JCD relating to custodial death of Raghunath Raut District Jail Bettiah (Page 113-114(c)).

On perusal of above proceeding it appears that NHRC vide order date 29.09.2021 passed the following order Page no 113-114/c.

“The commission has received an intimation from the Superintendent District Prison, Bettiah west Champaran, Bihar regarding custodial death of convict prisoner Raghunath Raut, aged 80 years, on 11.12.2019 while in the custody of District Prison, Bettiah, West Champaran, Bihar. In response to Commission’s direction, the requisite reports have been received and examined by the Investigation Division of the Commission. The Health screening report reveals that he was not suffering from any diseases at the time of admission in Jail. The Medical treatment record reveals that on 11/12/2019 the deceased suffered from sudden onset of breathlessness and chest pain, he was immediately sent to M.J.K Hospital for treatment where he died. The Inquest report does not reveal any injury on the body of the deceased. The Post Mortem report does not reveal any injury on the body of the deceased. Cause of death was kept pending for FSL reports. No poison was found in preserved viscera of the deceased. The Final cause of death based on FSL report reveals that the deceased died as a result of some Cardiac disease. The Enquiry magistrate, based on the statement and document concluded that the deceased lost his life due to cardiac arrest during treatment in GMHC, Bettiah, where is a natural death. Enquiry magistrate did not point out any foul play or negligence in the death of the deceased. The Commission has considered the material on record. The investigation Division has recommended closure of the case. No foul play or medical negligence has been found in this case. Therefore, there is no need for further intervention of the Commission in the matter. The case is closed.

Since NHRC after detail enquiry, come to above finding i.e., the death being natural and finding no foul play and medical negligence in death of Raghunath Raut, the State Commission is not inclined to proceed with the matter. Accordingly to this proceeding is closed. Case dairy, if available on the record, if be returned to the Jail Administration.

(Justice Vinod Kumar Sinha, Retd.)

Chairperson