

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (BHRC)

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File Nos. BHRC/Comp. CD-82/15 & CD-98/15

Case of Harishchandra Ram, Deceased prisoner: (Case of compensation.)

06.11.2017

Meghan Ram, son of the deceased prisoner, Harishchandra Ram, village Morsandi, P.S. Motipur, district Muzaffarpur is present.

Meghan Ram submits about committing murder of his father who was one of the inmates of Shaheed Khudiram Bose Central Jail, Muzaffarpur. Every relevant document including inquiry by Judicial Magistrate and post-mortem is on record to disclose death due to hanging leading to suicide. Inquiry by the Judicial Magistrate is clear that one of the witnesses namely Jitendra Kumar, Jail Superintendent, stated before him that he was informed about missing of the deceased inmate at about 7:10 PM on mobile. He was searched and (his) body was found hanging in pump house near the pond. Harishchandra Ram inmate of his jail was sent to S.K.M.C.H. Muzaffarpur on ambulance where the doctor declared him dead.

The above discussed circumstance is clear enough that it was not a case of murder committed by inmates or any of the officials of the jail rather a case of suicide by the inmate himself but relevant question remains to be considered that why the deceased inmate was left with no care having a chance to commit suicide. It is clearly a case of negligence on part of jail officials for which deceased family members are entitled for compensation.

A compensation of rupees two lakhs (Rs.2,00,000) is allowed to the dependents/family members. Undoubtedly wife of the deceased is alive, having first preference over the same.

Copy of order be sent to (i) deceased's wife (ii) Principal Secretary, Home (iii) IG, Prisons, Patna and (iv) Superintendent, Shaheed Khudiram Bose Central Jail, Muzaffarpur.

Compliance report be submitted by 26.12.2017.

(Justice Mandhata Singh)
Acting Chairperson