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## Show Cause Notice Issued (SCN) - 738/34/6/2019-AD

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## Case No.- 738/34/6/2019-AD

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (LAW DIVISION)

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Date : 01/08/2022

To, THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND 1st Floor, Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi RANCHI JHARKHAND 834004 Email- cs-jharkhand@nic.in

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS Jail Inspectorate, TA Division Building, Near Dhurwa Golchakkar, P.O + P.S - Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand RANCHI JHARKHAND 834004 Email- ig-prison@jharkhandmail.gov.in

Sir/Madam,

The case No. 738/34/6/2019-AD in respect of DHANA KUMAR, was placed before the Commission on 01/08/2022. Upon perusing the same, the Commission directed as follows:

This is regarding a complaint received from a HRD, making allegation of torture and death of a Convict, 34 years on 25/06/2019 in custody of Ghaghidih Central Jail, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. The intimation was also received from concerned Jail Supdt. The prisoner was admitted in jail on 14/09/2013 with normal health. On 25/06/2019, there was a scuffle took place between two groups of prisoners, which included the deceased. Due to injuries sustained by him, he was sent to MGM Medical College Hospital, Jamshedpur where he was declared brought dead. A case vide Cr. No. 139/19 U/S 147, 148, 149, 341, 323, 324, 325, 307, 302, 120 (B) IPC was registered in this incident, against 4 jail warder (constable) and 25 prisoners followed by suspension of five warders (constable) and dismissal from Service of two of them.

The matter was sent to the Investigation Division for further analysis of the reports and it has been analyzed by the Investigation Division that as per the PMR, multiple injuries over head, chest, abdomen, both arms and both legs etc. were found on the body of the deceased. The cause of death was "haemorrhage and shock as a result of noted injuries combined effect of which was fatal in nature." The Enquiry was conducted by a Judicial Magistrate. Based on the available oral & documentary/ CCTV footage evidence, the Enquiry Magistrate concluded that death of the deceased was caused by excess use of force upon him by jail inmates (convicts) and prison guards during custody. However, no responsibility has been fixed at the supervisory level of the prison, regarding smuggling of Lathis inside the jail, intergroup rivalry between prisoners and escalation of a volatile situation in the jail.

In view of the above findings and reports of the Investigation Division, issue Show Cause Notice u/s 18a(i) of PHR Act, 1993 to the Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand directing him to show cause within four weeks as to why the compensation should not recommend suitable payment of compensation of Rs. 7.5 Lac (Rupees Seven Lac Fifty Thousand only) to the NOK of the deceased prisoner.

It is further directed that DG, Prison Govt. of Jharkhand to take appropriate action against the erring jail officials within four weeks.

Put up after four weeks.

2. This is for your information and further necessary action.

Your's faithfully Sd/-Indrajeet Kumar DEPUTY REGISTRAR (LAW) M-2 Section Ph. No. 011-24663276 Email. dr1.nhrc@nic.in

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