

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.12376 of 2016

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Jagadish Singh, aged 42 years, S/o Sri Ramdhar Singh R/o North Dahiyawan Tola,
Teacher Colony, Chapra 841301, PO- Chapra, PS- Chapra Town, District- Chapra,
Town- Chapra.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The Union of India, through the Principal Secretary, Union of India, South Block, New Delhi.
2. The State of Bihar, through Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, Old Secretariat, Patna 800001.
3. The Director General of Police, Bihar Police, Government of Bihar, Old Secretariat, Patna 800001.

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Ravi Shankar Ganguli, Advocate Mr. Dharmesh Kumar Srivastava, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. S D Sanjay, Addl. SG Mr. Anshuman Singh, CGC

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR UPADHYAY

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date: 11-09-2017

This writ petition has been filed in public interest and the petitioner wants that the State Government and its Administration should be directed to issue Rules and Regulations for preventing threats of life to Journalists. To evaluate the necessity of making Acts, Rules and Regulations for the safety of Reporters/ Journalists and other persons working in the field of media, the petitioner has pointed out various attacks on journalists and prayed that some preventive measures are required to be taken.

Learned counsel invited our attention to a newspaper



cutting dated 22nd June, 2015 Annexure-1, whereby the Supreme Court has issued necessary guidelines in the matter of killing of journalist to U.P. Government. Similar orders passed by the Delhi High Court is also brought on record vide Annexure-2.

The respondent-State Government has filed a detailed reply and having pointed out that with regard to the two incidents which happened in the State of Bihar, the State Government has already taken action in the matter which is pending consideration before the appropriate court. As far as issuance of guidelines are concerned, it is stated that already action is underway and no further directions are issued.

Taking note of all the facts and circumstances of the case and action already taken by the respondents, we see no reason to make any further indulgence into the matter.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

(Rajendra Menon, CJ)

(Anil Kumar Upadhyay, J)

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