

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (PIL) No. 3892 of 2026

Court on its own motion

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Petitioner

Versus

- 1.State of Jharkhand through the Principal Secretary,
Department of Home, Prison & Disaster Management.
- 2.The Director General of Police, Jharkhand.
- 3.The Inspector General of Prisons, Jharkhand.
- 4.The Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.
- 5.The Senior Superintendent of Police, Ranchi.
- 6.The Jail Superintendent, Birsa Munda Central Jail, Hotwar,
Ranchi.

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Opposite Parties

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP KUMAR SRIVASTAVA**

For the Appellant :
For the State : Mr. Mrinal Kanti Roy, G.A.-I
Mr. Shray Mishra, AC to A.G.
Mr. Deepankar Roy, Adv.

02/22.05.2026 This Public Interest Litigation has been registered based on some newspaper reports as well as a letter addressed by the Leader of Opposition to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Jharkhand High Court, wherein some disconcerting facts have come to light regarding the sexual exploitation of a female inmate of Birsa Munda Central Jail, Hotwar by the Superintendent of Jail which resulted in her becoming pregnant and attempts were also made to terminate the fetus. The reports also speak of the perpetrator of the offence and the higher officials striving to hush up the incident. The issue of such magnitude wherein the custodian of the welfare of the inmates has been alleged to have become the predator needs a proper and detailed response from the State as to what steps have been initiated to verify the truthfulness or otherwise of the allegations so made. Accordingly, we direct Mr. Mrinal Kanti Roy, learned

G.A.-I to file an affidavit sworn by the Director General of Police,
for which 02 weeks' time is granted.

Let this matter be listed on 08.06.2026.

Let a copy of this order be handed over to learned
G.A.-I.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

Dated-22nd May, 2026.

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