

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM

ORDER SHEET

Criminal Revision No. 18/2000 of 199

In Re Petitioner/Appellant

Versus

Arun Tamang Respondent

25-5-2000 Present : Mr. S. P. Wangdi, Public Prosecutor with Mr. Karma Thinlay, Asstt. Govt. Advocate for the State.

This criminal revision was registered suo motu by this Court in order to be satisfied as to the correctness, legality and propriety of the Order dated 16.2.2000 passed by Mrs. M. M. Rai, the then Judicial Magistrate, West Sikkim at Gyalshing in C.M.V. Case No. 230/99 State Vs. Arun Tamang which runs as under:-

“Accused absent. Service returned unexecuted as per report. Case file consigned to record room.”

From the record, we find a very dismal state of affairs. Summons had earlier been issued to the accused for 25.11.1999. The order dated 25.11.1999 states as follows:-

“Accused absent without showing any cause. Hence issue N.B.W.A. against accused. To 13-1-2000”.

For 13-1-2000, non-bailable warrant was issued to the Officer Incharge, Jorethang, Traffic Branch, South Sikkim describing the accused, Arun Tamang resident of Amber Garage, Siliguri, West Bengal. The warrant was returned unexecuted by the Process Server Constable/1439 J.M. Subba with the report to the effect that he came to know that the accused Arun Tamang is at Siliguri. The Officer Incharge, Traffic Branch, Jorethang returned the non-bailable warrant with the report: “Unexecuted and returned with above report pl.”

These statements by the Constable and the Officer-in-Charge are, prima facie, false. Deliberate non-compliance of the order of the

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4.	11.7.2000	<p>Court, prima facie, amounts to contempt of Court. Therefore, issue notice to the police constable and the Officer Incharge, Jorethang Traffic Branch as to why they should not be prosecuted for committing contempt of Court. Notice be issued for 13.7.2000. A contempt case be registered separately.</p> <p>This case be put up on 13-7-2000 for hearing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> (A. Deb) Judge 25-5-2000. </p> <p style="text-align: right;"> (R. Dayal) Chief Justice. 25-5-2000. </p> <p>Present: Mr. S.P. Wangdi, Public Prosecutor with Mr. Karma Thinley, Asstt. Govt. Advocate for the State.</p> <p>List it on 18.7.2000 as prayed for by the Ld. Public Prosecutor for hearing.</p> <p>Mr. Karma Thinley, Ld. Asstt. Govt. Advocate is directed to communicate the date to the opposite parties.</p> <p>A copy of the order be served upon the Ld. Asstt. Govt. Advocate for compliance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sd/-</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> (A DEB) <u>Acting Chief Justice.</u> </p>	

Contempt Case (Criminal) No.9 of 2000


State of Sikkim

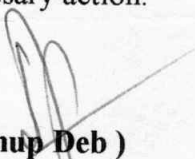
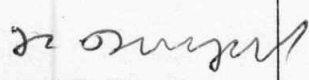

... Petitioner

versus

J.M. Subba & Another

... Respondents.

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1.	18.7.2000	<p>Present : Mr. K. T. Bhutia along with Mr. Norzang Lepcha, Advocates for the respondent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p>Mr. K. T. Bhutia, learned Advocate submits that some amendments will have to be effected in the reply to the show cause filed by the respondent. One week's time is allowed for this purpose as prayed for.</p> <p>List it on 25th July, 2000 before the Division Bench.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> (Anup Deb) Acting Chief Justice.</p>	
	25.7.2000	<p>Present : Mr. Norzang Lepcha, Advocate along with the respondents S. K. Darnal and J. M. Subba.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Contempt proceedings were initiated against both the contemnors namely, J.M. Subba and S.K. Darnal Since on the warrant of arrest issued to the accused Arun Tamang in CMV Case No.230/99 giving address of the accused of Siliguri, the Process Server C/1439 J. M. Subba made report that the accused could not be found as he was at Siliguri despite search and S. K. Darnal, Officer Incharge, Traffic Branch endorsed the same. Since the address of the accused was given as that of Siliguri, there was no question of making search at any place other than Siliguri. Therefore, the report of the Process Servers and the endorsement of the Officer Incharge, Traffic Branch were wrong.</p> <p>Both the contemnors are present in Court and they have</p>	

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		<p>tendered unconditional apology. Written apology was submitted by them on 13.7.2000. It appears to us that the Police Department need take proper steps to ensure that the Process Servers and the supervising staff know their job well. We have no reason to suspect any mala fides on the part of the contemnors. We therefore accept the unconditional apology tendered by the contemnors.</p> <p>The contempt notice is discharged. The case file be consigned to the record room.</p> <p>Let a copy of this order be sent to the Director General of Police for necessary action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  (Anup Deb) Judge 25/7/2000 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">  (R. Dayal) Chief Justice. 25/7/2000 </p>	<p>Copy of order has sent to DGP. </p>