

ITEM NO.28

Court 1 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Suo Motu Writ Petition(Crl.) No. 2/2021

IN RE : SAFEGUARDING COURTS AND PROTECTING JUDGES Petitioner(s)
(DEATH OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, DHANBAD)

VERSUS

Respondent(s)

Date : 09-08-2021 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
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By Courts Motion

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

The Court is convened through Video Conferencing.

Heard Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General and learned Advocate General appearing for the State of Jharkhand.

Taking into account the gravity of the matter, we deem it appropriate to direct the Central Bureau of Investigation to file a report before the High Court of Jharkhand every week and we further request the Chief Justice of the said High Court to monitor the investigation.

Apart from the specific incident in question, this Court had also taken up this matter to take note of attempt(s) to resolve the alarming situation in the country where judicial officers and lawyers are being pressurized and intimidated by threats of, and/or actual violence. There is, therefore, an institutional need to create an environment where judicial officers feel safe and secure.

Let the present matter be taken up along with Writ Petition(Civil) No.1422 of 2019, which is a matter pertaining to the security of judicial officers wherein we have already issued notice to the States and the Union of India with a direction to file replies, if the same are not already placed on record.

(VISHAL ANAND)
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