

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 310/1996

PRAKASH SINGH & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

[ONLY I.A. NOS. 136960/25, 138235/25, 138866/25, 150155/2023 AND 67359/2023 AND CONT. PET. D.NOS. 7736/2025, 8340/2025 AND 15328/2025 ARE LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM]

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CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL)@ Diary No(s). 41923/2024
in W.P.(C) No. 310/1996 (PIL-W)

(IA No. 208940/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 208938/2024 - STAY APPLICATION)

Date : 18-08-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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

I.A. NOS. 136960/2025 IN W.P.(C) NO.310/1996

List on 22.08.2025.

W.P.(PIL) No.1194/2025

1. On an oral prayer made by the learned Amicus Curiae, W.P.(PIL) No.1194/2025, pending before the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi shall stand withdrawn from the High Court and transferred to this Court.
2. To be taken up along with W.P.(C) No.310/1996 and batch in the week commencing 27.10.2025.

CONTEMPT PETITION @ DIARY NO(S). 7736/2025

1. The present contempt petition is filed by the petitioner

alleging disobedience of the orders of this Court by the Chief Secretary of the State of Jharkhand.

2. It is the contention of the petitioner that the rules framed by the State of Jharkhand are framed only in order to protect one Shri Anurag Gupta. It is also the grievance that one Shri Ajay Kumar Singh was unauthorizedly removed from the post of Director General of Police.

3. The present *lis* appears to be prompted by a dispute between the two officers of the Police Department, namely, Sri Ajay Kumar Singh and Shri Anurag Gupta.

4. If a person is aggrieved by any action of the State with regard to his illegal removal from the service or due to denial of his legitimate claim to a post, such an officer can very well take recourse to the remedies available to him in law.

5. Public Interest Litigation is a mechanism, which has been devised by this Court so as to dilute the issue of locus and permit public spirited person to approach this Court or the High Courts on behalf of the persons who, on account of their social and economic backwardness, are not in a position to approach the High Courts or this Court.

6. The PIL jurisdiction, therefore, cannot be permitted to become a mechanism to settle the scores between the competing officers.

7. In that view of the matter, the contempt petition is dismissed.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

CONTEMPT PETITION @ DIARY NO(S). 8340/2025

1. Learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner seeks permission to withdraw this petition.

2. Permission is granted.

3. The contempt petition is, accordingly, disposed of as withdrawn.

REST OF THE MATTERS INCLUDING I.A. NO.59862/2020

List in the week commencing 27.10.2025.

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