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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI W.P. (Cr.) No. 376 of 2022

Saryu Roy ... Petitioner -Versus-The State of Jharkhand & others ... Respondents -----CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI -----For the Petitioner : Mr. A.K. Kashyap, Sr. Advocate For the State : Mr. Manoj Kumar, G.A.-III

04/09.08.2023 A reference may be made to the order dated 18.07.2023. Considering the counter affidavit, wherein, it has been disclosed that by letter dated 27.10.2020, issued by the office of the Cabinet Secretariat (Vigilance) Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi, direction has been issued to Anti Corruption Bureau to register P.E. in the matter. Since the P.E. was not annexed with the counter affidavit, vide order dated 18.07.2023 the respondent-State was directed to produce P.E. conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau, Ranchi in a sealed cover.

> 2. Pursuant to that, sealed cover is produced in the Court, which has been open in the Court proceeding and looking into the documents therein, it appears that several pages are not readable. Prima facie, it appears that the P.E. is also not produced in the said sealed cover, whereas, direction was given to produce P.E. in a sealed cover. The said document in sealed cover has been submitted by Mr. Dinesh Kumar Prajapati, Police Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Ranchi.

> 3. The Court has also handed over the said documents to Mr. Manoj Kumar, learned counsel for the State and Mr. A.K. Kashyap, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner and they have pointed out in open Court that they are also not able to read the documents. Not only the Court even the officer of the Court, who is defending the State in the High Court, has also not been able to read the said documents.

4. Mr. Manoj Kumar, learned counsel for the State submits that the order of this Court was communicated to the Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Ranchi.

5. However, handwritten envelope in sealed cover has been presented by Mr. Dinesh Kumar Prajapati, Police Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Ranchi.

6. Prima facie, it appears that the Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Ranchi is hiding something from the Court as in such a way, the documents have been presented in the Court. The Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Ranchi has submitted illegible documents, which are not readable and he has also not given any reason by way of filing any further affidavit of not annexing the P.E.

7. Let the documents presented in a sealed cover be kept along with the records.

8. In view of the above facts, the Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Ranchi shall remain personally present before this Court at 10:30 a.m. on the next date listing.

9. Let this matter appear on 17.08.2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

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