IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI Cont. Case (Cr.) No. 1 of 2016

Court on its Own Motion Versus

Sri Jay Prakash Nath Sahdeo --- Opp. Party

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ratnaker Bhengra

For the State: Mr. Vikash Kr. Sinha, JC to AG For the Opp. Party: Mr. Pratiush Lala, Advocate

06/10.05.2018 Heard learned JC to AG and learned counsel Mr. Pratiush Lala representing the opposite party / contemnor.

- 2. At the outset, learned counsel representing the opposite party has tendered unconditional and unqualified apology on behalf of the opposite party for inconvenience caused to the Court. He submits that opposite party is a 72 years old person having practice of 39 years since 1979 and has always given highest regard to the Court. His relationship with the Bar and the Bench has always been congenial and polite. He has been rather shocked to come to know that the instant matter has been referred at the instance of Learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Latehar in connection with Manika P.S. Case No. 106/2015 where he as a counsel of the accused Hidaman Yadav, had sought bail. He further submits that if any of his acts or argument—unintentional— caused embarrassment to the Court, he seeks unconditional apology for the same. He also undertakes not to cause embarrassment in future as well.
- 3. Learned JC to AG submits that unconditional and unqualified apology submitted by the opposite party may be accepted in the interest of justice.
- 4. We have considered the submissions of learned JC representing the learned Advocate General and learned counsel for the opposite party. Having perused the records and show-cause filed on behalf of the opposite party / contemnor, we are inclined to accept the unconditional and unqualified apology submitted by the opposite party / contemnor herein. In that view of the matter, instant criminal contempt proceeding is dropped.

(Aparesh Kumar Singh, J)

(Ratnaker Bhengra, J)

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