

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cont. Case (Criminal) No. 3 of 2025

The Court on its Own Motion

Versus

Mahesh Tewari Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
SRI ANANDA SEN, J.
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Opposite Party: Party-In-Person

02/Dated: 17.10.2025

Tarlok Singh Chauhan, C.J.(Oral)

1. A video relating to the Court proceedings of this Court has gone viral on the Internet and other social media. Therefore, we have called for the original of the video through the Central Project Coordinator (CPC) who has submitted the same in a pen-drive.

2. We also have the transcript of that video. The video was played in the open Court.

3. Having perused the video, we find that the same relates to the Court's proceedings dated 16.10.2025 of Court No.24 held by Justice Rajesh Kumar where the Opposite Party had his case at Serial No.2 of the cause-list and we further find that some orders were passed in that case. However, when the case at Serial No.4 was called and where none of the parties were being represented by the Opposite Party, yet, the Opposite Party stood up in front of the Dais and interrupted the Court's proceedings. He not only used intemperate language, but also tried to brow beat threaten and bully the learned Judge Justice Rajesh Kumar. Further, the Opposite Party has tried to scandalize the Court by stating that, "*the country is burning with the*

judiciary” and persisted that “*he would argue in his own way*” and rather asked the learned Judge “*not to cross his limits,*” while going out of all limits insofar as he alone was concerned thereby undermining the majesty and Authority of law.

4. The Opposite Party is present in person and states that he has no remorse or regret whatsoever for whatever he has done or said in the Court.

5. *Prima facie* we are of the considered view that the utterances of the Opposite Party amounts to criminal contempt and while invoking our power under Article 215 of the Constitution of India and the Contempt of Courts Act, we direct the Registry to register a *suo motu* criminal contempt case against the Opposite Party.

6. Issue notice.

7. The Opposite Party waives notice and prays for three weeks’ time to file his reply-cum-Statement of Defence.

8. List on 11th of November 2025.

(Tarlok Singh Chauhan, C.J.)

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Ananda Sen, J.)

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

October 17, 2025