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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P. (PIL) No. 1308 of 2020

Court on its own motion

... **Petitioner**

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand

... **Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

01/Dated: 15.04.2020

This Court take cognizance of the news report published in Dainik Bhaskar at page 2 and Times of India at first page dated 15.04.2020, wherein, it has been repoted that in spite of 21 days' Lockdown, which has been extended till 03.05.2020, it is not being implemented in its true spirit. The newspapers report suggest that in the area which is epicentre of the Corona Virus in Ranchi city, the people are wandering in another area, which is the concern of this Court. The concern of this Court is that in spite of the clear cut directions/guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, wherein, the area where epicente has been traced out the strict vigil to be made, but it seems from the paper publication that the State as well as the District Administration are not handling the situation as it has to be handled in order to restrict the spread of infection in other part of the city.

Thus, this Court is taking *suo motu* cognizance of the news published in Dainik Bhaskar and Times of India today i.e. on 15.04.2020 and direct the Registrar General of this Court to place this matter before the Division Bench which is in seisin of the matter relating to the Corona scourge.

Let these two newspapers be placed on record.

The Registrar General of this Court is directed to communicate

this order to the Chief Secretary of the State, Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi, Senior Superintendent of Police, Ranchi and Advocate General respectively. The Registrar General is also directed to place this order before the Division Bench on the next date of listing when the matter relating to Corona Virus is fixed to be listed before the Division Bench.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Ajay/