

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT SRINAGAR

CrlA(D) 11/2025 CrIM(208/2025)

FAZIL SALEEM BHAT

...Petitioner(s)/appellant(s)

Through: Mr. Syed Faisal Qadri, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Bhat Shafi, Advocate

Vs.

**UNION TERRITORY THROUGH POLICE STATION RAM MUNSHI
BAGH AND ORS**

...Respondent(s)

Through: Ms. Rahella Khan, Assisting Counsel

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ATUL SREEDHARAN, JUDGE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PUNEET GUPTA, JUDGE

ORDER
05.03.2025

1. Learned counsel appearing for the Union Territory has pointed out that there are certain pages in which the name of the prosecutrix has been revealed which is against the established law.
2. This Court is in agreement with the submission put forth by learned counsel appearing for the official respondents.
3. The pages which have been pointed out by the learned counsel for the respondents are page Nos. 57, 63, 69, 79, 97, & 109 of the appeal Memo which are documents relied upon in the charge sheet whose translations have been placed along with original which has disclosed the name of the prosecutrix.

4. Under the circumstances, the office is requested to forthwith redact the name of the prosecutrix from the aforementioned pages and make necessary changes to the digital copy of the court also. The office shall also take into account such other additional pages as given to it by the learned counsel for the Union Territory in addition to the pages already mentioned hereinabove and if the name of the prosecutrix is mentioned in those pages, redact the same from the physical file and also from the digital file.
5. In addition to the above, it is necessary for us to order that in cases under Section 376 or POCSO related offences, the authorities of the State which means the Police, the FSL and the Doctors examining the prosecutrix are to be made aware that the name of the prosecutrix is not to be given and the parentage of the prosecutrix be shown only without prosecutrix's address.
6. As per the directions given by the Supreme Court in case titled "*Vipul Sexana and Others v. Union of India & Others*" reported as (2019) 2 SCC 703, the Union Territory of J&K shall sensitize all organs which are involved in the investigating process with regard to the guidelines cited in the aforementioned judgment of the Supreme Court.
7. List this appeal on 17.03.2025 after the directions for redacting of the pages have been complied with by the Registry.

8. A copy of this order be served upon the Registrar Judicial,
Srinagar to ensure compliance.

(PUNEET GUPTA)
JUDGE

(ATUL SREEDHARAN)
JUDGE

SRINAGAR
05.03.2025
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