

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.345 of 2023

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Court on its own motion on the basis of resolution/complaint passed by
Coordination Committee

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar & Ors.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s :

For the Respondent/s :

Mr. Sunil Kumar Mandal, SC 3
Mr. Y.C.Verma, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Shri Ajay Kumar Thakur, Advocate
Mr. Sanjay Singh, Sr. Advocate,
Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Sr. Advocate
Smt. Nivedita Nirvikar, learned Senior Advocate,
Mr. Shailendra Kumar Singh, Advocate
Mr. Mukesh Kant, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

2 10-01-2023 Today, in the morning session, we passed the
following order:-

“On an oral mention by Shri Y.C.Verma,
Chairman, Co-ordination Committee, Shri Ajay
Kumar Thakur, President, Lawyers’ Association,
Shri Sanjay Singh, President, Bar Association, Shri
Shailendra Kumar Singh, Convenor, Coordination
Committee, Shri Mukesh Kant, Secretary, Bar
Association, Shri Ramakant Sharma, Chairman
Bihar Bar Council, Shri Anjani Kumar, learned
A.A.G.-4, Smt. Nivedita Nirvikar, learned Senior
Advocate, the present resolution/complaint is placed



before us in relation to the alleged misconduct of a practising advocate of this Court.

Emphatically, it is pointed out that the said advocate is violating the law with impunity and is roaming in the court complex. Also, there has been past incident of similar nature by the very same advocate.

We direct the Registry to forthwith register the resolution/complaint presented before this Court as a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) and after processing the same, list it today itself.

We are also informed that a report in relation to past conduct of the very same advocate is lying in a sealed cover in the registry.

Registrar General also to place the same on record.”

The petition stands registered and placed before us.

The resolutions signed by the Co-ordination Committee of three Associations of the Patna High Court; body of a lady advocates of the Patna High Court; Secretary of the Bar Association; and the General Secretary of the Lawyers' Association are extracted as under:-



Coordination Committee of Three Association of Patna High Court

The Coordination Committee of the Patna High Court in its extraordinary meeting held on 9th January, 2023 at 4:00 pm has unanimously resolved to adopt and accept resolution dated 3rd January, 2023 of the General Body Meeting of the Lady Advocates of Patna High Court, which reads as follows:-

“It is further resolved that we propose to make a request to the Hon’ble High Court to take up matter Suo Moto and order for proper investigation by an agency which remains uninfluenced; to ensure speedy trial in the case monitored by the Hon’ble Patna High Court and provide adequate security to the victim. We further resolve to make a request to the Hon’ble Patna High Court to kindly bar the entry of Adv. Niranjana Kumar in the premises of the High Court till a decision upon his license is taken by the Bar Council, as it would be in the interest of maintaining the sanctity of the work environment of the Hon’ble Patna High Court.”

The Coordination Committee in addition to the aforesaid resolution also resolves that the matter be referred to the Prevention of Sexual Harassment At Workplace Committee Patna High Court for an early inquiry and resolution of the matter.

The Coordination Committee also resolves to request the Hon’ble High Court to direct that during the pendency of the inquiry and resolution



by the aforesaid Committee, said Niranjn Kumar be barred from entering the premises of this High Court and conducting cases.

Yogesh Chandra Verma
9.1.2023
(Chairman)

A. K. Chakrabarti
(President)

Sanjay Singh
09/01/2023
(President)

Coordination Committee Lawyers Association Bar Association

Shailendra Kumar Singh
9.1.23
(Convenor)

Rajeev Singh
(General Secretary)

N. K. Singh
(Secretary)

Coordination Committee Lawyers Association Bar Association

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LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION Patna High Court

Ref. No. 003/1A/23

Date 09/01/23

The Lawyers' Association, Patna High Court, Patna in its extraordinary meeting held on 09.01.2023 though online has unanimously resolved to deprecate the alleged misconduct of Advocate Niranjn Kumar who has been made accused of sexual harassment by an intern law student in his chambers who was interning under the said Advocate Niranjn Kumar. His misconduct is most unbecoming and does not behove of an advocate. It has shamed the entire lawyers fraternity and has shaken its conscience to the core.

The Lawyers' Association further resolved that the said Niranjn Kumar shall not be inducted as Member of this Association under any circumstances in future.

The Members of Executive Committee has appreciated the prompt action/decision of Bihar State Bar Council against said Niranjn Kumar.

It is further resolved that the Co-ordination Committee, Patna High Court, Patna be requested to take appropriate action against the said Niranjn Kumar against his misconduct and further REQUEST THE HON'BLE PATNA HIGH COURT, PATNA TO BAN THE ENTRY OF SAID NIRANJAN KUMAR FROM THE PREMISES OF HON'BLE PATNA HIGH COURT, PATNA TILL DISPOSAL OF ALL THE ENQUIRIES/PROCEEDINGS PENDING AGAINST THE SAID NIRANJAN KUMAR.

Rajeev Kumar Singh
(RAJEEV KUMAR SINGH) 9/1/23
GENERAL SECRETARY.
PATNA HIGH COURT, PATNA



RESOLUTION

Pursuant to a **general body meeting of the lady advocates of Patna High Court on 3rd Jan, 2023** a resolution has been taken to strongly and vehemently condemn the depreciable and hateful act of Advocate Niranjan Kumar with his female intern in his office Chamber. This Misconduct of the concerned advocate is beyond any level of tolerance and the trauma of the young law student is deeply felt. Thus, we are all seriously concerned about the safety of law interns and other female legal professionals.

It is a matter of extreme shame that such an abominable act has happened in our legal fraternity and it comes as a shock, while we are talking about promoting gender equality in the legal profession.

We hereby resolve to boycott Advocate Niranjan Singh and request the members of the other associations to join hands with us in this endeavour.

It is further resolved that we propose to make a request to the Hon'ble High Court to take up matter Suo Moto and order for proper investigation by an agency which remains uninfluenced; to ensure speedy trial in the case monitored by the Hon'ble Patna High Court and provide adequate security to the victim. We further resolve to make a request to the Hon'ble Patna High Court to kindly bar the entry of Adv. Niranjan Kumar in the premises of the High Court till a decision upon his license is taken by the Bar Council, as it would be in the interest of maintaining the sanctity of the work environment of the Hon'ble Patna High Court.



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66	Hishwary Singh	7972782498
67	Mayuri	9102133844
68	Madhubala verma	9471864602
69	Shalini	9386629969
70	Reema Singh	- 8709940575
71	Anuradha Singh	- 9431449803
72	Kumari Rashmi	- 9605984989
73	Mehini Kumari	- 9470414077
74	Shalini Singh	9334031406
75	Kirti Devi	9525001313
76	Kiran Kumari Shrivastava	8809828884
77	Kamkumari Bhargava	9835693890
78	Kumari Chanalra	9934028904
79	Preety Kunwar	7903933718
80	Kusum Kumari	9470092192
81	Sueta Singh	8434123455
82	Sweety Singh	9801700162
83	Renu Kumari	9472238597
84	Alka Singh	9504564089
85	Chhaya Mishra	905534335
86	Punam Kumari Singh	9431860289
87	Samreen Saha	9818260580
88	Neha	8252139697
89	Riya	6261236145
90	Pallavi Lala	9608435214
91	Poojul Kumari	7258983777



92	Poochi Pallavi	9162420491
93	Smriti	8789213411
94	Kumari Smriti Sani	7903024524
95	Singhania	8210567765
96	Rashmi Bharti	9503761073
97	Priyanka Raj Laxmi	9955241804
98	Nishi Priya	9123153093
99	Abhanjali	8210834440
100	Kathore Indulokant	9430034248
101	Nutan Sharma	
102	Pratibha	
103	Sangeeta Sharma	620063043
104	Teshera Kumari	9431269
105	Poochi Pallavi	916242049
106	Savita	8789213411
107	Kumari Smriti Sani	7903024524
108	Manjula	9931225371
109	Priyanka Raj Laxmi	9955241804
110	Abhanjali	8210834440
111	Rani Shashi Bharti	7488246782
112	Manjula	933411504

The members of the Bar Association resolve to deprecate the alleged misconduct of Advocate Niranjana Kumar who has been accused of sexual misdemeanours against an intern law student in his chambers who was interning under the said Advocate Niranjana Kumar. His misconduct is most unbecoming and does not behove of an advocate. It has shamed the entire lawyers fraternity and has shaken its conscience to the core.

Bihar Bar Council's resolution to initiate a disciplinary action against him is much appreciated.

The Bar Association requests its members and members of the Bar to boycott Adv Niranjana Singh.

It is further resolved that coordination committee be proposed to resolve requiring the high court to take up the matter in judicial side and monitor the case since the accused has been allowed bail by magistrate in the most unusual and unprecedented manner.


(Mukesh Kant)
(Secretary)



Report of earlier enquiry placed by the registry in the sealed cover is opened; perused and directed to be resealed and handed over to the Registrar General of this Court.

We have perused the interim report submitted by the Fact Finding Committee constituted by the Bihar State Bar Council vide communication dated 26.12.2022. The same is directed to be kept in a sealed cover to be kept by the Court-master of this Court.

Shri Sunil Kumar Mandal, learned S.C.-3, appears on behalf of the Respondent Nos. 1, 2 and 3; Shri Y.C.Verma, learned senior counsel appears on behalf of the Respondent No. 4, namely, the Co-ordination Committee through its Chairman, Patna High Court, Patna; Shri Ramakant Sharma, learned senior counsel appears on behalf of the Respondent No. 5 namely, The State Bar Council through its Chairman, Patna.

Let court notice be issued to the Respondent No. 6, namely, Mr. Niranjana (Advocate), Flat No.-101, Gajadhar Kailash Apartment, Road No. 2, East Patel Nagar (Near Gandhi Murti), Patna-23, Email: niranjana@niranjanlaw@gmail.com.

Rule is made returnable on 19.01.2023.

At this stage, Shri Ramakant Sharma states that during the course of the day itself, he shall take a decision on



the interim report submitted by the Three Members Committee constituted by the State Bar Council, which, of course, shall be subject to the approval of the General Body of the Council.

Court Master to supply the authenticated copy of the order be supplied to all the concerned learned advocates.

List on 19.01.2023.

(Sanjay Karol, CJ)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

Sujit/Ashwini

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