

mortem, as allegations have been attributed that 13 years old Somaru Pottam was tortured, stabbed and shot dead from a close range by the security forces at Dantewada.

Interim prayer is made for re-examination of the body of deceased by the team of forensic expert to ascertain the age of the deceased alongwith other ancillary reasons as it is stated that in earlier post mortem, the correct reports have not come to fore to safeguard the culprits.

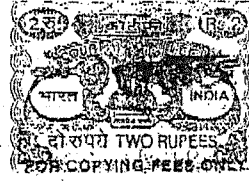
Since the winter vacations is intervening, as such, considering the prayer made since the body of the boy who is stated to be son of the petitioners is buried, which may result into further decay, the interim relief application is heard urgently.

The State counsel appears on advance copy.

Issue notice to the Respondents, as per rules.

The petition is filed by Kumma Pottam & Jamli Pottam who are said to be the father & mother of the deceased Somaru Pottam. It is alleged that the deceased was approximately 13 years of age and allegations are being attributed to the security forces that they have killed their son.

At present, it is submitted that the body is buried and serious allegations have been leveled against the State police authorities, in view of this, as an interim measure, it is prayed to direct the State to carry out another post mortem by a team of medical experts of the area and it is stated that Maharani District Hospital, Jagdalpur, is the well equipped hospital in



the area as the Bijapur Hospital do not have an adequate staff and infrastructure.

Perused the pleadings. Serious allegations have been leveled on security forces that the son of petitioners who was 13 years of age was tortured and killed. The incident happened on 16.12.2016. Already seven days have passed. The body is buried and naturally it would be further decayed. No prejudice would be caused to either State or police force if the post mortem is carried out again.

Considering the same, it is directed that after exhuming the body of the deceased a fresh post mortem shall be carried out with the team of medical experts of Maharani District Hospital, Jagdalpur, within a period of three days and the team may be constituted at the discretion of the Commissioner, Jagdalpur, and the video-graph of such post mortem shall also be prepared and preserved. It is also observed that during process of exhumation and post mortem, the petitioners who are said to be the father & mother of the deceased shall also be allowed to remain present.

The post mortem report should be kept in the sealed cover for inspection at an appropriate stage.

List the case after winter vacation.

Certified copy, today.

Ashok

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge

