



MAHARASHTRA STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MUMBAI

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No. MSHRC/AMB/10/2025/ **2434**
Date: 31 October 2025

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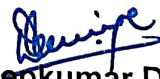
1. The Additional Chief Secretary
Home Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai
2. The Director General of Police
State of Maharashtra
Mumbai
3. The Additional Director General of Police
& Correctional Services
Pune
4. The Superintendent
Chandrapur District Prison
Chandrapur

Sub: Order in Case No. 593/13/9/2021-JCD dated 15.10.2025

I am directed to intimate to you to comply with the orders / directions of the Commission.

You are requested to comply with the orders within one month or as specified in the order. The compliance report be kindly submitted to this office as per Section 18 (e) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 r/w. Regulation 22 to 24 of the Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission (Procedure) Regulations, 2011.

Encl. Order copy (05 Pages)


(Pradeepkumar Dange, IAS)
Secretary



Division Bench

Case No. 593/13/9/2021-JCD | 2434

Name of the Authority : Superintendent of Chandrapur
Chandrapur, Prison

Name of the Deceased : Ankit Vipul Ramteke

Date of Death : 26.12.2020

Date : 15th October 2025

Coram : **Justice, A.M.Badar,**
Chairperson
Shri Sanjay Kumar, Member

ORDER

(per: Sanjay Kumar, Member)

1. This is a case in regard with the custodial death of under Trial Prisoner, Ankit Vipul Ramteke, 21 years, resident of Durgapur, Ward No. 1, Shedmake Square, Duragapur, District Chandrapur. The Commission received an intimation about this custodial death from the Superintendent of Prisoner, Chandrapur. Ankit Vipul Ramteke, (hence

deceased) was arrested by Durgapur, Police Station in Cr. No. 244.2020 U/s. 302, 201 IPC on 15.07.2020 and remanded to Judicial Custody by the Hon'ble JMFC Court No. 4, Chandrapur on 17.07.2020 to Chandrapur Prisoner. The said deceased was lodged in Circle No. 2, Haulad Yard, separate cell no. 1, for treatment of Chickenpox on 14.12.2020, on 26.12.2020 at 11.30 am, the said prisoner was found hanging and unconscious on the door of his separate cell no. 1 by using the string of Track Pant. He was seen by duty in-charge Shri. Jivanlal Yadavrao Sindpure, Havaladar of Circle No. 2.

2. As mandated into the Cr.PC an inquiry U/s. 176 1(a) of Cr.PC was conducted in the custodial death of prison, Anikit Vipul Ramteke by Joint Civil Judge, (Junior Division) and JMFC Chandrapur. During the inquiry, the Learned Judicial Magistrate has recorded the statements of the inmates, perused the Spot Pachamama and Inquest Pachamama, went through Histopathology Report and Postmortem Report.
3. The statements of the staff and officers of the Prison informed that he was kept in independent barrack no. 1, in Haulad Yard as he was suffering from skin diseases i.e. chickenpox. He was isolated as per the advice of Dr. Amit Dangewar. Statements of the inmates revealed that he was under depression because he had killed his own brother and under tremendous guilt. The Learned Judicial Magistrate after conducting the inquiry concluded that the cause of death of Ankit V Ramteke was "asphyxia due to hanging". He further mentioned that deceased committed suicide, voluntarily.

- Cr. No.
4. Postmortem report and the Inquest Pachamama did not show any injury, except the injury caused by the hanging on the body of the deceased. The cause of death given in the Postmortem notes is "asphyxia due to hanging. The forensic Examination Report ruled out any poison.
 5. In such case, the moot question falling for consideration would be whether the prison officer has taken due care and caution to protect the inmates of the prison and whether the suicide of Ankit V Ramteke was a result of slack supervision of the Prison Authority in protecting Ankit V Ramteke. During the proceedings, the respondents were asked to submit their say over the issue, but no submission has been made by them in this regard.
 6. Following the welfare concept, even in motor accidents and other acts of fatal accidents, the concept of 'No Fault Liability' is emerging. Attempting to keep a track with the doctrine of 'Strict Liability' by analogous principle, this should be applied in the case of custodial death, including suicide, while in judicial custody. The next of kin and other dependent family members suffer because state failed in providing security to their breadwinner.
 7. It is now a well-accepted proposition in most of the jurisdictions that monetary or pecuniary compensation is an appropriate and indeed an effective and sometimes perhaps the only suitable remedy for redressal of the Infringement of the fundamental right to life of a citizen and the State is vicariously liable for their acts. The objective is to apply balm to the wounds. The state commission is of the view that

kin of the deceased should be paid compensation for the lapses in keeping the deceased safe and secure. While awarding the compensation to next of the kin of the deceased, the State Commission has accepted the amount prescribed in the GR issued by Govt. of Maharashtra on April 28, 2025 in regard with suicide committed by the prisoner in custody.

8. In view of the above, the State Commission, by invoking its power assigned in section 18 of The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, makes following recommendations:
 - a. The state is recommended to pay to next of the kin of the deceased (Ankit Vipul Ramteke) compensation of Rs.1,00,000/- (One Lakh) within 8 weeks, from the date of receipt of this order. In case of failure, the State will be liable to pay interest on amount of compensation at rate of 8% simple Interest per annum till actual realization of the whole amount.
 - b. Ld. Secretary attached with the Commission will forward the copy of the order to the office of Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai, Director General of Police, Maharashtra State, Mumbai and Addl. Director General of Prison and Correctional Services, Pune for necessary compliance in accordance with the provision u/s 18 (e) of Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 r/w regulation 22 to 24 of Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission (Procedure) Regulation, 2011.

c. With these recommendations, case no 593/13/9/2021-JCD, is closed and stands disposed. Office is directed to inform the kin of the deceased about order.


(Sanjay Kumar)
Member, SHRC


(Justice A.M. Badar)
Chairperson, SHRC

State Human Rights Commission
Maharashtra State, Mumbai

Chairman, State Human Right
Commission, Mumbai

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to,

INFO :- 1. hon'ble chairman, national human rights commission, sardar
vallabhabhai patel bhawan, sansad marg, new delhi - 110001.
opp. C.S.T. Railway Station, Mumbai.
2. hon'ble district judge -2 and ADDL. SESSION JUDGE,
CHANDRAPUR

(BY HAND) (S.c. no 109/2020)

3. hon'ble 1st JMFC, CHANDRAPUR, dist CHANDRAPUR. (BY HAND)
4. hon'ble Secretary, the Government of Maharashtra Home
Department (Jails) PRS-3, Mahtralaya, Mumbai- 32.
5. hon'ble Deputy Secretary, The Government of Maharashtra
Home Department poll - 14, Mantra lay, Mumbai-32
6. hon'ble Add. Director genral of Police and Inspector General
of Prisons Maharashtra State, Pune-1.
7. hon'ble District Magistrate, CHANDRAPUR. (BY HAND)
8. hon'ble Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, E.R. Nagpur.
9. hon'ble Superintendent of Police, CHANDRAPUR. (BY HAND)
10. SUB DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE, CHANDRAPUR (BY HAND)
11. police inspector, police station, CHANDRAPUR CITY (by

hand)

12. police inspector, police station, DURGAPUR (by hand)

FROM : SUPRISON, CHANDRAPUR

O.W.NO. CDP/UTP/DEATH/ 1715 /2020, C. D. P, CHANDRAPUR

DATED:- 26/12/2020

IT IS SUBMITTED THAT THE UNDER-TRIAL PRISONER NO.1804/20 ANKIT VIPUL
RAMTEKE AGED ABOUT 21 YRS, R/O AT POST DURGAPUR WARD NO.1, SHEDMAKE SQUARE,
DURGAPUR TQ.DIST. CHANDRAPUR, STATE- MAHARASHTRA WAS ARRESTED BY DURGAPUR
POLICE STATION DIST. CHANDRAPUR ON 15/07/2020 IN C.R.NO.244/2020, U/S
302,201 OF IPC & REMANDED TO JUDICIAL CUSTODY BY THE HON'BLE JUDICIAL
MAGISTRATE, FIRST CLASS, COURT NO.4, DISTRICT CHANDRAPUR ON DATED 17/07/2020
INTO THIS PRISON (.) SAID CASE WAS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL BEFORE hon'ble
district judge -2 and ADDL. SESSION JUDGE, CHANDRAPUR UNDER S.T. NO.
109/2020 (.)

THE SAID PRISONER WAS LODGED IN THIS PRISON IN CIRCLE NO.2 HAULAD
YARD, SEPARATE CELL NO.1 FOR TREATMENT OF CHIKEN POX FROM DATED 14/12/2020
(.) ON TODAY 26/12/2020 AT 11.30 A.M. THE SAID PRISONER FOUND HANGING
HIMSELF AND UNCONCIOUS ON THE DOOR OF HIS SEPARATE CELL NO.1, IN THE CIRCLE
NO.2 HAULAD YARD, WITH USING OF HIS OWN TRACK PANT LESS (NADA) SEEN BY ON
DUTY INCHARGE SHRI. JIVANLAL YADAVRAO SINDPURE, HAVILDAR, CIRCLE NO.2,
HAULAD YARD (.)

AS PER THE REPORT OF ON DUTY HAVILDAR SHRI. JIVANLAL SINDPURE THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF JAIL DR. AMIT DANGEWAR CHAKED SAID PRISONER ANKIT RAMTEKE
ON 11.35 A.M. ON SPOT (.) DUE TO ABSENT OF HIS PULSES DR. AMIT DANGEWAR
DECLAIED HIM DEAD ON 11.40 A.M. DATED 26/12/2020 (.) HENCE THE SAID
INCIDENCE INFORMATION CONVEYED AND REGISTER A COMPLAINT IN CITY POLICE
STATION, CHANDRAPUR AS WELL AS JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
CHANDRAPUR INFORMED AND REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INQUEST PANCHANAMA, POST MORTEM
WITH VIDEO SHOOTING AND CONDUCT MAGISTARIAL INQUIRY IN SAID DEATH CASE (.)

AND SUBMITTED ALL INQUIRY REPORT TO HON'BLE COMMISSION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE (.)

THE PRISONERS DEATH INFORMATION GIVEN TO HIS RELATIVE MOTHER NAMED VANDANA VIPUL RAMTEKE VIDE THIS OFFICE LETTER O/W NO. 1711/20 DATED 26/12/2020 BY POLICE INSPECTOR, DURGAPUR POLICE STATION, CHANDRAPUR TO ATTEND THE INQUEST AND FOR HAND OVERING DEAD BODY FOR HIS LAST RITES (.) A DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS (.) THIS IS FOR YOUR KIND INFORMATION (.)===

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