

ITEM NO.39

COURT NO.13

SECTION II-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Criminal Appeal No(s). 1425/2025

AMIT KUMAR & ORS.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

[HEARD BY : HON. J.B. PARDIWALA AND HON. R. MAHADEVAN, JJ.] [ONLY
OFFICE REPORT FOR DIRECTION IS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM]

Date : 06-05-2025 This Office Report was called on for hearing
today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. By our Judgment and Order dated 24-3-2025, we had directed the Union of India to deposit an amount of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh only) with the Registry within two weeks from the date of the Judgment as an outlay for the initial operations of the task-force.

2. The matter has come up today to report compliance.
3. There is a Office Report on default.
4. The Union of India has failed to deposit the amount of Rs.20,00,000/- with the Registry as directed and within the stipulated period of time.
5. We grant two days' time to the Union to deposit this amount to the Registry.
6. The learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Union of India has the demand draft of Rs.20,00,000/- dated 11-4-2025 ready with him.
7. Let this Demand Draft be deposited with the Registry today itself.
8. Since the matter has come up today to consider the Office Report on Default, we take this opportunity to take notice of two more unfortunate incidents of suicide as reported.
9. It appears that a student aged 22 studying in IIT, Kharagpur was found hanging in his hostel room on 4-5-2025.
10. The deceased was a three-year Civil Engineering student. His body was found hanging in his room in the Madan Mohan Malaviya (M.M.M.) Hall. The student was identified as Mohammad Asif Qamar from Bihar's Sheohar District.
11. The press reporting indicates that just moments before his death, he was on a video call with his friend in Delhi.
12. This is one of those unfortunate suicides by a student for which we have constituted the task-force to work on the various issues relating to students suicide.
13. We are taking cognizance of this only with a view to ascertain whether the Management/Administration of IIT, Kharagpur has lodged a First Information Report with the territorial Police Station in accordance with our directions issued in the case of "Amit Kumar & Ors. vs. Union of India & Ors."
14. We also take notice of one another case of suicide reported.
15. A NEET aspirant committed suicide by hanging herself from an iron grille of her room in Parshavnath area ahead of the National Medical Entrants Examination which was scheduled on Sunday, i.e.,

11-5-2025. It is reported that the girl was under 18 years of age and hailed from Sheopur in Madhya Pradesh. She had been living with her parents in Kota (State of Rajasthan) and for the past several years, she was preparing for NEET-UG at a coaching institute.

16. So far as Kota (State of Rajasthan) is concerned, it is reported that this is the 14th case of suicide by a coaching student in Kota this very year i.e. 2025.

17. Since January, 2025, a total of 17 cases of suicides by coaching students were reported in Kota last year. We would like to know whether an FIR has been registered in connection with this suicide also or not.

18. Let the matter come up on Tuesday, the 13th May, 2025 with an appropriate Report.

19. The Registry to call for the report from both the places at the earliest.

20. One copy of this order shall be furnished at the earliest to Mr. Brijender Chahar, the learned ASG appearing for the Union of India.

(VISHAL ANAND)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)