

Court slaps fine on state govt in false rape case

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Chandigarh : In a significant decision, an additional district and sessions court of Rohtak on Saturday slapped a fine of Rs 5 lakh on state government while acquitting a resident of Panipat in a rape case.

The decision came from the court of additional district and sessions judge Seema Singhal who directed that the fine would be paid by government from its treasury as the accused Bijender had suffered social stigma as well as financial loss due to false case.

Court also asked police to be cautious in future while investigating such cases to ensure that guilty are not spared and those innocent are not harassed.

According to information, the incident dates back to October 2013 when police has booked Bijender Singh, a resident of Kalikhan village of Panipat in a rape case registered against him at Rohtak's police station.

In her complaint the victim had alleged that incident occurred on October 16 when Bijender Kidnapped her from Medical Hospital road and took her to New Delhi where she was sexually assaulted.

Following this Bijender was booked and arrested in the rape case. Since then he was facing the trial. It is learned that during the course of trial woman did not turn up for her evidence.

At the same time it was established in the court that on the day of occurrence, victim's location was found in New Delhi, while Bijender's location was found in a hospital in Panipat.

During the course of trial it was established that the content of complaints was wrong as Bijender could not be present at two places at one time.

So was the case with victim as she also could not present at two places.

Sources informed that this was for the second time when woman had attempted to get Bijender framed in a rape case. She had made an attempt in 2012 and faced criminal action from a court for lodging false case. Documents of the old case were also produced in the court, said source.

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