

# Woman convicted for perjury in rape case

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In a first, the special court for crime against women headed by Additional District and Sessions Judge Anshu Shukla, on Wednesday convicted a woman for perjury after she retracted her statement that levelled rape charges against a man. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 500 on her while acquitting the accused in the case, Jagdish Rai.

Rai was arrested on December 14, 2013, after the woman lodged a complaint saying that he took her to a hotel and got her to drink before raping her.

She also alleged that he clicked objectionable pictures of her and circulated these among his friends.

On Wednesday, the woman retracted from her statement. The judge then issued her a showcause notice, saying, “You have intentionally given a false evidence... and it is necessary and expedient in the interest of justice that you should be tried summarily for giving false evidence. You are therefore called upon to show cause as to why you should not be punished for committing the offence under section 193 (perjury) of the CrPC”.

In her reply, the woman said that she was in a live-in relationship with the accused. After he deserted her, she approached an advocate to initiate proceedings against him.

“I told him the facts which I have narrated in my examination in chief.

He told me that he would file the appropriate case and obtained my signatures on blank papers,” the woman said.

She also said that after she got to know about the registration of a rape case, she asked the police to cancel the [FIR](#). But the police asked her to record a statement before a magistrate on the lines of the [FIR](#).

However, she said she had spoken the truth before the court.

The court went on to reject her explanation and in a summary trial held her guilty of perjury. Recently, the court had issued showcause notices to two other women who turned hostile in rape cases.

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