

### **Rape: The Incident may ruin the life of a Minor girl**

Charkaghat a hamlet of Village Chichili( R) of Bagicha block in the Jashpur District, and is situated in a hilli area called Pandrapath. As per the location of the village and geographical set up, this village is out of reach in all the seasons. There is not even path to reach in this village which is surrounded by hills with the ups and down landscape, small streams and river. There are around 15 houses in the hamlet Charkaghat, out of 15 there are 3 families( By caste Chamar), who belong to the other backward classes( OBC). And the other families are of Dehari Korwa one of the tribal communities. The Pandrapath area is known due to its high range of hills and dense forest with up and down landscape. The major population of the area is of tribal communities, but are always dominated by the Aheer community who are very less in population. Most of the lands have been grabbed by the Aheer Community. In the Jashpur district this area so called Pandrapath is quite backward in nature, tribal communities are illiterate, poverty is very high, lands have been grabbed by Aheer communities and the tribal communities are compelled to live under pressure and are also living as a bondage labour, there is also lacking the basic facilities of health, education and other services.

Ku. Munni Bai( name changed) age-14 years, daughter of Vinod Ravi resident of Charkaghat is a student of class 8<sup>th</sup> who studies in a boarding school which is 8 K.M away from her village. There are three children of Vinod Ravi, Munni is the Oldest one. Vinod's family is very poor and depended on the daily wages for their livelihood, villagers say Vinod had 5 acres of land near by his village but due to dominant nature of Aheer community, they forced fully grabbed the land and Vinod became landless. During the Diwali holidays her father went to bring her to spend the holidays. During these days she used to go to graze the goats in nearby hills and forest. One day Mr. Harshu Yadav ( the culprit) son of Gouri Yadav resident of Chichili who married already having a child, had gone to see his paddy field in that area, seeing the girl grazing goats tried to flee the goats, seeing this the girl opposed, then the culprit came to her and captured her body, and put her clothes in the mouth and forcefully raped the girl. After this incident Munni came her home and informed about the incident. On the next day her family members informed the community members of their hamlet but the community members of other tribe denied to listen to them. Then her father went to Chichli village where few of the community members of his caste supported him and tried

to have Community meeting to solve the cases. But the father of the culprit denied to come to their meeting. Then through the support of the villagers, father of the girl complained to the near by police station. The police came and sent the girl for medical checkup to Kunkuri. Meantime police arrested the culprit and put him into the Jail.

Now, Munni is at home discontinued her education. Due to shame and inferiority complex she is not able to face her friends in the school, she is not even able to bare the insults done by other children and even by other communities. Physically she has recovered but mentally and morally she has gone down. Her parents are living under the fear and pressure of the Aheer communities who may torture or threat them. They may also put the pressure to take back the case. Now Munni's life has become aimless and living under pressure in her day today life. Discontinuation of the school will really affect throughout her life.