

Music School Member Hurls Slipper at Judge

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The Supreme Court has sentenced 3 women members of Mumbai's controversial '[Boss School of Music](#)' to 3 months imprisonment for hurling a slipper at a judge but the order was changed soon afterwards giving them the chance to defend the contempt.

The apex court had on November 4 last ordered a high-level inquiry into the affairs of the 'Boss School of Music' whose members were facing contempt proceedings for making insinuations against the Chief Justice of India and judges of the Bombay High Court.

A Bench headed by Justice Pasayat had said an officer not below the rank of DIG in Maharashtra Police would inquire into the affairs of the Boss School.

The 'Boss School of Music' was founded by Glen Fernandes at Vasai, 40 km from Mumbai, in 1996 at Vasai, and the police have registered several cases against its members some of whom have been accused of being allegedly involved in prostitution and indulging in black magic.

However, the three women will have to remain in custody as the matter was referred to Chief Justice K.G. Balakrishnan who allocated it for hearing before a three-member Bench on Monday.

Pavitra Murali, Sarita Parikh and Annette Kotian were taken into custody for contempt of court as one of them had thrown a slipper at Justice Arijit Pasayat who was heading the Bench along with Justice A.K. Ganguly.

Later in the evening at a seminar, Pasayat clarified to reporters that the women were not convicted but sent to custody.

Differences on Order Passed

Pasayat said a difference of opinion cropped up as to whether a separate charge should be framed against them for the fresh incident and the matter will be heard by a larger bench.

Pasayat had passed the order which was not agreed to by Ganguly.

He had directed the Registrar of the apex court to take the women in custody and ordered three months simple imprisonment.

In the order, it was noted that the members of the Boss School, who were appearing in person, started shouting and used offensive and abusive language and demanded that the judges should be jailed for initiating contempt against them.

The order said that the judges should be punished for not protecting their so-called fundamental rights.

The order had further said that the incident had happened in the presence of Solicitor General G.E. Vahanvati, Additional Solicitor General Mohan Parasaran, a large number of advocates and the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association President Sushil Jain.

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