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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(CRL) 3668/2016

SATYA DEV SAH Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sushil Thakur, Advocate

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR. Respondents

Through: Mr. Rahul Mehra, Standing Counsel
with Mr. Tushar Sannu, Advocates
for the State

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SISTANI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDER SHEKHAR

ORDER

% **09.10.2017**

This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking production of 36 years old mentally challenged son of the petitioner, who is missing since 12.10.2012.

Notice was issued in the matter on 22.12.2016.

The grievance of the petitioner is that, although a complaint was made on 13.10.2012, no steps were taken by the police to trace his missing son, till the present petition was instituted in the year 2016. We may note that after the notice was issued in the matter, Status Reports have been filed, detailing various steps taken to recover the missing son of the petitioner. The Status Reports reveal that information has been flashed on *Aakashvani* as also on television; various hospitals have been checked; inquiries have been made from

various persons, whose names and addresses have been detailed in the Status Reports; search was also conducted in old age homes and mental hospital in the area and pamphlets have been distributed in various states, including Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. A reward for a sum of Rs.20,000/- has also been announced in the matter. Mr. Rahul Mehra, Standing Counsel submits that the reward would be enhanced from Rs.20,000/- to a higher figure.

Taking into consideration the Status Reports, we dispose of the writ petition at this stage with the consent of counsel for the petitioner, with a direction to the State to continue the search of the missing person. A status report would be provided to the petitioner every six weeks by the concerned I.O. We make it clear that in case the petitioner is dissatisfied, he would be at liberty to revive this petition.

G.S.SISTANI, J

CHANDER SHEKHAR, J

OCTOBER 09, 2017

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