

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

W.P.(CR) No. 443 of 2018

Rajesh Kumar Chopra, S/o. Moolchandji Chopda, Aged About 47 Years,
R/o. Station Road, Balod, Chhattisgarh.

---- **Petitioner**

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh, Through the Secretary, Ministry Of Home, Secretariat, Capital Complex, Mahanadi Bhawan, Naya Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
2. Director General Of Police, Police Head Quarter, Indrawati Bhawan, Naya Raipur, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
3. The Inspector General Of Police, Balod, District Balod, Chhattisgarh.
4. The Superintendent Of Police, Balod, District Balod, Chhattisgarh.
5. Station House Officer, Police Station City Balod, District Balod, Chhattisgarh.
6. Santosh Choudary, S/o. P.L.Choudary, Aged About 48 Years, R/o. Bhudwari Bazar, Balod, District Balod, Chhattisgarh.

---- **Respondents**

For Petitioner : Mr. Malay Shrivastava, Advocate
For Respondents : Mr. R.K.Bhagat, Dy. Govt. Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order On Board

09.01.2019

Heard

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the result of order dated 15.11.2017 passed in WPCR No.230 of 2017, the FIR was lodged on 16.01.2018 as per Annexure P-3. Thereafter, no investigation is carried out by the police authorities and it is expected that the police authorities are obliged to conduct the investigation within specified period of time, which may not be last for years to come and in this case it would reveal that after lodging of FIR on January, 2018 no substantial progress has taken place.
2. Considering the documents and the reply of the State, it appears that the investigation has not been concluded till date. Therefore,

in view of the law laid down by the Supreme Court in ***Ram Lal Narang v. State (Delhi Admn.) AIR 1979 SC 1791*** and ***Lalita Kumari v. Government of Uttar Pradesh and Others (2014) 2 SCC 1***, if the investigation is not yet been completed then the police authorities shall be obliged to complete the investigation within a reasonable time.

3. With such observation, the petition stands disposed off.

Ashok

Sd/-
(Goutam Bhaduri)
Judge