

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Criminal Writ Jurisdiction Case No.1810 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.- Year-0 Thana- District- Madhubani

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Beni Mandal Son of Late Jagdish Mandal Resident of Village - Raghauli,
P.S.- Bisfi, District - Madhubani.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar, through Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government of Bihar, Patna. Bihar
2. The Director General of Police, Police Department, Government of Bihar, Patna. Bihar
3. The Inspector General of Police, Darbhanga Division, Darbhanga, District - Darbhanga. Bihar
4. The Superintendent of Police, Madhubani, District - Madhubani. Bihar
5. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Benipatti, District - Madhubani. Bihar
6. The Officer-In-Charge of Bisfi Police Station, Bisfi, District - Madhubani. Bihar

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Subhash Kumar Jha
For the Respondent/s : Mr.G.P 27

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 08-07-2025 Heard the parties.

2. The present application has been filed on behalf of the petitioner seeking a direction upon the respondent authorities for registering the FIR of the petitioner on his complaint regarding the suspected death of his son.

3. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Sakiri Vasu vs. State of U.P., reported as (2008) 2 SCC 409* has discouraged the practice of approaching the High Court with a prayer for registration of an F.I.R. The relevant paragraphs of



the aforesaid decision read as under:-

“27. As we have already observed above, the Magistrate has very wide powers to direct registration of an FIR and to ensure a proper investigation, and for this purpose he can monitor the investigation to ensure that the investigation is done properly (though he cannot investigate himself). The High Court should discourage the practice of filing a writ petition or petition under Section 482 Criminal Procedure Code simply because a person has a grievance that his FIR has not been registered by the police, or after being registered, proper investigation has not been done by the police. For this grievance, the remedy lies under Sections 36 and 154(3) before the concerned police officers, and if that is of no avail, under Section 156(3) Criminal Procedure Code before the Magistrate or by filing a criminal complaint under Section 200 Criminal Procedure Code and not by filing a writ petition or a petition under Section 482 Criminal Procedure Code.

28. It is true that alternative remedy is not an absolute bar to a writ petition, but it is equally well settled that if there is an alternative remedy the High Court should not ordinarily interfere” (Emphasis supplied)

4. The aforesaid ratio was reiterated by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the case of ***Sudhir Bhaskarrao Tambe vs.***



Hemant Yashwant Dhange reported as (2016) 6 SCC 277 and
in the case of *M. Subramaniam vs. S. Janaki reported as
(2020) 16 SCC 728.*

5. If the F.I.R is not registered on account of inaction
on the part of the police officials or the actions not to the
satisfaction of the petitioner, then the efficacious alternative
remedy is available to the petitioner under sections 190, 200 of
the Cr.P.C (sections 210, 223 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha
Sanhita, 2023) or other statutory provisions under law.

6. Therefore, the petitioner is given liberty to avail
alternative remedies as provided under the Cr.P.C./Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 for registration of the
F.I.R.

7. Accordingly, this application is disposed of with the
aforesaid liberty to the petitioner.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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