Neutral Citation No. (2026:JHHC:29135)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(Cr.) No. 164 of 2026

Pratish Swetabh, S/o Durga Prasad, R/o Bauli Tola, Sahu Chowk, P.O.- Pundag, P.S.- Argora, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand ... ... **Petitioner**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Director General of Police, Jharkhand
3. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Ranchi
4. The City Superintendent of Police, Ranchi
5. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Hatia
6. The Office-in-Charge of Jagarnathpur (Pundag) Police Station, P.O. + P.S.- Jagarnathpur (Pundag), District-, Ranchi, Jharkhand ... ... **Respondents**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Aaryamann Relan, Adv.
For the Respondents : A.C. to Sr. A.A.G.

02/28.09.2026 Heard Mr. Aaryamann Relan, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.C. to Sr. A.A.G. for the respondents.

In this writ application, the petitioner has prayed for a direction upon the respondents to take appropriate action against all the accused persons in connection with Jagarnathpur (Pundag O.P.) P.S. Case Nos. 272/2019, 273/2019, 389/2020 and Kotwali P.S. Case No. 259/2021. The petitioner has further prayed for a direction upon the respondents to conclude the investigation in the aforesaid cases.

Considering the prayer of the writ-petitioner reference is made to the case of "***Sakiri Vasu v. State of U.P. and Ors.***", reported in **(2008) 2 SCC 409**, wherein it has been held as follows:

> ***"26.*** *If a person has a grievance that his FIR has not been registered by the police station his first remedy is to approach the Superintendent of Police under Section 154(3) CrPC or other police officer referred to in Section 36 CrPC. If despite approaching the Superintendent of Police or the officer referred to in Section 36 his grievance still persists, then he can*

approach a Magistrate under Section 156(3) CrPC instead of rushing to the High Court by way of a writ petition or a petition under Section 482 CrPC. Moreover, he has a further remedy of filing a criminal complaint under Section 200 CrPC. Why then should writ petitions or Section 482 petitions be entertained when there are so many alternative remedies?

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 CrPC 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 police officers concerned, and if that is of no avail, under Section 156(3) CrPC before the Magistrate or by filing a criminal complaint under Section 200 CrPC and not by filing a writ petition or a petition under Section 482 CrPC.***"**

In view of the remedy available to the petitioner, this writ application accordingly stands disposed of with a liberty to the petitioner to avail of the said remedy.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

Dated, the 28th September, 2026
A. Sanga/-
Uploaded on 29 /09/2026