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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P. (Cr.) No. 420 of 2026

Nandlal Ram, R/o Nawadih Panari, P.O.- Panari, P.S.- Hunterganj, Dist- Chatra.

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Versus

1. State of Jharkhand.
2. Superintendent of Police, Chatra.
3. Inspector/Officer-in-Charge, Hunterganj P.S.
4. Madan Choudhary, S/o Late Karu Choudhary, R/o Vill- Nawadih Panari, P.O.- Panari, P.S.- Hunterganj, Dist- Chatra.
5. Rajesh Paswan (Rojgar Sewak), R/o Nawadih Panari, P.O.- Panari, P.S.- Hunterganj, Dist- Chatra.
6. Junior Engineer, MGNREGA, Nawadih Panari Panchayat, P.O. & P.S.- Nawadih, Dist- Chatra.
7. Panchayat Sewak, Nawadih, , P.O. & P.S.- Nawadih, Dist- Chatra.
8. Block Development Officer, Hunteganj, Dist.- Chatra.
9. Kedar Choudhary (Ex-headman of Village), Nawadih Panari, P.O.- Panari, P.S.- Hunterganj, Dist- Chatra.

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Govind Ray Karan, Adv.
For the State : AC to Sr. S.C.-II

02/30.09.2026 Heard Mr. Govind Ray Karan, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned AC to Sr. S.C.-II.

In this writ application, the petitioner has prayed for a direction upon the concerned respondent no. 2 and 3 to expedite the investigation in connection with Hunterganj P.S. Case No. 171/2024.

In the context of the prayer made in this writ application, reference is made to the case of ***Sakiri Vasu v. State of U.P. & 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 alternative remedy available to the petitioner, as noted above, this writ application, accordingly,

stands disposed of with a liberty to the petitioner to avail of the said remedy.

(*Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.*)

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