

Sessions Case No. 66/23

CNR No. WBPU05-000283-2023

J.O. Code WB00807

Dated 29.08.25

The matter is placed today for the appearance of the accused persons and for the recording of evidence.

Ld. Addl. Public Prosecutor appears on behalf of the State.

Ld. Counsel for the accused persons is also in attendance.

Accused Biswajit Bauri, who continues to enjoy the privilege of bail granted by this Court, is present and has duly answered to the call of the case. However, accused Indrajit Bauri @ Indra Bauri, who is similarly enlarged on bail, has failed to present himself before this Court. It is further noticed that no prosecution witness has turned up for the purpose of adducing evidence on the scheduled date.

At this juncture, learned counsel appearing for the accused persons has submitted, with due seriousness, that accused Indrajit Bauri @ Indra Bauri unfortunately expired on 11.08.2025. In fortification of this submission, he has tendered for the perusal of the Court a xerox copy of an alleged death certificate issued by the competent authority, namely, Dhanbad Nagar Nigam, Mehelbani Burning Ghat, purporting to evidence the demise of the said accused.

The Court has meticulously examined the submission advanced and the document placed on record. However, having regard to the gravity of the matter and the necessity to ensure the authenticity and veracity of such a material assertion, this Court is of the considered view that an independent verification is indispensable before proceeding any further. The demise of an accused person, if true, would have a direct bearing on the continuance of proceedings qua him, and as such, the factum of death must be ascertained through appropriate channels.

Accordingly, the hearing of the case is deferred.

Let a detailed and comprehensive death verification report be called for in respect of accused Indrajit Bauri @ Indra Bauri. The report shall be obtained from the Officer-in-Charge, Para Police Station, who shall cause a thorough inquiry to be made into the alleged death, verifying the records of the local authority as well as any other source deemed necessary.

The Officer-in-Charge shall submit his report before the next date of hearing positively, failing which this Court shall be constrained to take appropriate coercive measures.

Let a copy of this order, along with the xerox copy of the purported death certificate, be transmitted forthwith to the Officer-in-Charge, Para Police Station, for strict compliance.

To 25.12.2025 for appearance of the remaining accused person and receipt of the death verification report of accused Indrajit Bauri @ Indra Bauri.

It is made clear that no unnecessary adjournment shall be entertained thereafter, and the Officer-in-Charge concerned shall ensure the submission of a report of inquiry in writing on or before the date fixed.

Dictated & corrected,

ASJ

Additional Sessions Judge

Raghunathpur, Purulia