



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPCR No. 350 of 2026

GULAB DAS MAHANT *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order Sheet

01/07/2026	Heard Ms.Rajni Soren, learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Mr.S.S.Baghel, learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents/State. The petitioner lodged FIR No. 158/2026 on 08.04.2026 at Police Station Sarangarh, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh (C.G.), alleging that his minor daughter, aged 16 years, had been kidnapped by an unknown person. It is stated that on 06.04.2026, the petitioner's daughter had gone to her school to appear in an examination but did not return home thereafter. On the basis of the complaint lodged by the petitioner, the aforesaid FIR came to be registered for the offence punishable under Section 137(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya

Bablu	Sanhita, 2023. It is the case of the petitioner that, despite the registration of the FIR, his minor daughter has not been traced or recovered by the respondent police authorities till date. Aggrieved by the inaction on the part of the respondent authorities and the failure to trace and recover his daughter, the petitioner has filed the present petition seeking appropriate relief. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, respondent No. 2/Superintendent of Police, District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, is directed to file his personal affidavit informing this Court of the progress made in the investigation and the steps taken for tracing and recovering the victim, who is alleged to be the minor daughter of the petitioner. List this case after two weeks. Sd/- (Ravindra Kumar Agrawal) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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