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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPCR No. 598 of 2025

R. Jagdish Kumar Reddy S/o R. Krishna Mohan Reddy, Aged About 56 Years Principal, D.A.V. Public School, Vishrampur, R/o D.A.V. Colony, Vishrampur, District Surajpur (C.G.)

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Home Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur (C.G.)
2. The Superintendent Of Police, District Surajpur (C.G.)
3. Station House Officer, Police Station, Vishrampur, Surajpur (C.G.)
4. Xyz Nil

... Respondent(s)

24/11/2025	Heard Mr. Goutam Khetrapal, Advocate for the Petitioner and also heard Mr. S.S. Baghel, learned Dy. G.A, for the State. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petition has been filed assailing the

	FIR dated 08.01.2022, registered as Crime No. 0006/2022 at Police Station Vishrampur, Surajpur, as well as the order dated 14.10.2025 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fast Track Special Court (POCSO), Surajpur, whereby the request for dismissal of the case was rejected and re-investigation was directed. It is submitted that immediately after the lodging of the complaint, the prosecutrix's statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C. was recorded on 20.01.2022, wherein she did not level any allegation of molestation or misconduct against the petitioner, and the mother of complainant also reiterated the same version. On the basis of these consistent statements, the Investigating Officer concluded that the FIR appeared to have been lodged due to misunderstanding and accordingly proposed the closure report of the case. For nearly three years thereafter, neither the prosecutrix nor her mother raised any objection to the closure report, however,
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after an unexplained and inordinate delay of almost three years, a belated objection was filed for the first time alleging political pressure. Relying solely on this belated and unsubstantiated objection, the learned Magistrate declined to accept the closure report and directed re-investigation, which is bad in law as no protest petition was filled by the victim against the closure report.

Issue notice to the respondents by ordinary post as well as registered post.

Learned State counsel appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 1 to 3 therefore, issuance of notice to it, is dispensed with.

Process Fee be paid within a week only for respondent No. 4.

Notice be made returnable in four weeks.

Also heard on I.A. No. 01 i.e. application for grant of interim relief.

Having considered the entire facts and

Jyoti	circumstances of the case, it is directed that the further proceeding in criminal case No.06/2022 pending before the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, FTSC (POCSO) Surajpur against the petitioner shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing. List the case thereafter. <table><tr><td data-bbox="619 835 959 965">Sd/- (Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge</td><td data-bbox="1066 835 1353 965">Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice</td></tr></table>	Sd/- (Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge	Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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