

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (Cr.) No. 140 of 2026

Rahul Kumar @ Rahul Kumar Mahto, S/o Gyan Chand
Mahto, R/o Kangali, Chauki, P.O. & P.S. Pirpainti, Bhagalpur,
Bihar. --- --- **Petitioner**

Versus

1. State of Jharkhand through the Chief Secretary, Dhurwa, Ranchi.
2. Principal Secretary, Home Department, Dhurwa, Ranchi.
3. Director General of Police, Ranchi.
4. Superintendent of Police, Sahibganj.
5. Officer-in-Charge, Mirzachouki Police Station, Sahibganj.

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Agnivesh, Adv.
For the State : A.C. to Sr. S.C.-I

02/10.04.2026 Heard Mr. Agnivesh, learned counsel for the petitioner
and learned AC to Sr. S.C.-I.

In this writ application, the petitioner has prayed for a
direction upon the respondent no. 5 to pay compensation of
Rs. 10,00,000/- to the petitioner on account of the fact that various
parts of the Hywa Truck of the petitioner which was seized by the
Police, has been stolen.

The petitioner claims himself to be the registered owner
of the Hywa Truck bearing Registration No. NL01AD4289. An FIR
was instituted against the petitioner and other accused persons on
the allegation that fiber chips were illegally loaded in the vehicle of
the petitioner. The vehicle was seized and subsequently vide order
dated 22.09.2025, the learned S.D.J.M., Sahibganj had directed the
release of vehicle on certain conditions. Pursuant to the Release
Order, the petitioner had taken charge of the vehicle and he had
subsequently detected that various costly components of the vehicle
has been missing and/or stolen. Consequent to the same, the
petitioner had made a representation before the respondent no. 4
bringing to his notice the aforesaid fact and also claiming
compensation for the loss which was sustained by the petitioner.

It is the grievance of the petitioner that despite such

representation having been filed, the same has not been acted upon.

Regard being had to the prayer made in this writ application, the same stands disposed of with a liberty to the petitioner to file a fresh representation before the respondent no. 4 within a period of 03 weeks from today and if such representation is preferred, the respondent no. 4 shall dispose of the same in accordance with law and after giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner within a period of 06 weeks from the date of receipt of the representation.

This writ application stands disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

Dated- 10th April, 2026.

Preet/-

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