

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(Cr.) (DB) (HB) No. 195 of 2026

Nakul Singh

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand and Ors.

... .. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY PRASAD

For the Petitioner	: Mr. Ashutosh Ranjan Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondents	: Mr. Manish Kumar, Sr. SC-II
	Ms. Sunita Kumari, AC to Sr. SC-II

04/Dated: 23rd April, 2026

1. In pursuance of the order dated 07.04.2026 counter affidavit has been filed.
2. We have gone through the counter affidavit but are not satisfied for one of the reasons as has been stated in paragraph-43 that the I.O. examined call dump from all the possible routes and found that about 22 JIO number and 9 Airtel numbers which were active during the relevant time as has been taken note in paragraph-178 of the case diary. Notices were sent to all of them under Section 179 of BNSS as well as by WhatsApp.
3. Subsequently, I.O. gave requisition for obtaining CAF and other details of all those mobile numbers but only few persons appeared and based upon their statement, conclusion has been arrived that nothing relevant has come from their statement.
4. There is no averment in the said affidavit that what steps/action has been taken against the persons who, although had been noticed, but did not come.
5. This Court has not found anything in the counter affidavit as to when the writ petitioner, the father, has made complaint to the S.P., Latehar which has been received in his office on 19.01.2026. But, no outcome has been referred, as such, this Court is of the view that the investigation/enquiry is being conducted in a very lethargic manner.

6. However, Mr. Manish Kumar, learned Sr. SC-II has submitted that after receipt of Annexure-1, the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer has been directed by the S.P., Latehar to conduct an enquiry but no such statement is available in the counter affidavit and even no document to that effect is there.
7. The S.P., Latehar is directed to apprise this Court what is the basis of such instructions which has been furnished to the learned Sr. Standing Counsel-II asking the SDPO to conduct the enquiry on 20.01.2026.
8. Thus, in view of the above, the investigation so far as being not satisfactory, as such, two weeks' further time is allowed to update.
9. Let this case be listed on 08.05.2026.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

(Sanjay Prasad, J.)

23rd April, 2026

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