

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (SJ) No.1309 of 2004

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Ram Chandra Pujar @ Chandra Munda and Ors.
.....Appellants

Versus
The State of Jharkhand
.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY PRASAD

For the Appellant : Mr. A.K. Chaturvedi, Advocate
For the State : Mrs. Vandana Bharti, APP
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Order No.09/21st January 2026

1. Although, this Criminal Appeal was heard on several dates before the Co-ordinate Benches of this Court.

However, when the matter is called out today, learned counsel for the appellants has submitted that he is not aware about the whereabouts of the appellants and live status of the appellants.

2. However, learned APP has also submitted that the report received from the Court of learned Sessions Judge-III I/C, FTC-I, Gumla in which it was reported that the appellants are alive and which was seen on 29.11.2021 by the Co-ordinate Bench (Justice Navneet Kumar as then His Lordship was) of this Court.

3. It also appears that while admitting this appeal on 15.10.2004 by the Co-ordinate (Justice R.K. Merathia as then His Lordship was) that notice was not issued upon the informant and the Informant was not made party in this case also.

4. It is submitted that the Informant in this case had died.

5. Under the circumstances, learned APP is directed to get served a notice of this Criminal Appeal upon the legal heirs of the Informant including PW-3 namely Maheshwar Mahto who is the son of the Informant through the Officer- In-charge of the concerned Police Station and shall file an affidavit with regard to

the service of notice upon the legal heirs of the Informant including PW-3 namely Maheshwar Mahto who is the son of the Informant.

Learned APP shall also get the present live statues of the appellants through the Officer-in-charge of the concerned Police Station also and a competent person of the concerned Police station shall file affidavit regarding live status of the appellant as well as service of notice upon the legal heirs of the Informant including the son of the informant i.e. PW-3 namely Maheshwar Mahto.

6. Put up this case on 20th February 2026.

(Sanjay Prasad, J.)

Dated 21.01.2026

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