

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W. P. (Cr.) No. 4 of 2026

Santosh Saw Petitioner
Versus
The State of Jharkhand & others Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Venkatesh Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondents : AC to Sr. AAG

5/09.07.2026 Pursuant to the order dated 08.07.2026, the Investigating Officer of Dugdha P. S. Case No. 58 of 2023 is physically present.

He has stated that he had taken a report from Instagram with respect to the claim of the petitioner that the Instagram account of the son of the petitioner was active till 29.07.2025. He has also submitted that as per the report, no activity was seen in the Instagram account of the son of the petitioner from the date he had become traceless. He has further submitted that all the angles have been explored in searching out the son of the petitioner, but till date he has not received any proof which would lead to recovery of the son of the petitioner. He has further stated that he shall pursue the case with more vigor since the FIR is of the year 2023 and even after expiry of 3 years, the son of the petitioner has not been traced out.

In view of what has been stated by the Investigating Officer and on perusal of the case diary, it does seem that efforts have been taken by the Investigating Officer to trace out the missing son of the petitioner. However, considering the fact that he has undertaken to pursue the case more vigorously, the matter is adjourned to be listed on 27.08.2026 by which time, the learned AC to Sr. AAG shall file an affidavit indicating the progress which has been made in the investigation.

The physical appearance of the Investigating Officer of Dugdha P. S. Case No. 58 of 2023 is dispensed with for the present.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J)