

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P. (Cr) (DB) No. 628 of 2025

Chandramuni Urain

... **Petitioner**

Versus

Director General of Police, Jharkhand & Ors.

... **Respondents**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR RAI

For the Appellant	: Mr. Shashank Shekhar No. 3, Adv.
For the State	: Mr. Sachin Kumar, AAG-II
	: Mr. Srikanth Swaroop, AC to AAG-II

06/Dated: 21st January, 2026

1. At the outset, the order dated 20th January, 2026 needs to be modified so far as the Para-7 is concerned wherein the case has been posted for hearing on 21.01.2026 within top five cases, at 2.15 P.M. but as per the roster, at 2.15 P.M., there is another Bench. As such, the Office has listed the instant matter at the top of the list in the Pre-lunch session.
2. Accordingly, the order dated 20th January, 2026 particularly Para-7 wherein the case has been posted for hearing on "21.01.2026 within top five cases, at 2.15 P.M" needs to be modified, and as such the order is modified to the extent that the next date of listing which has been typed in Para-7 of the said order as '21.01.2026 within top five cases, at **2.15 P.M** is modified as '21.01.2026 within top five cases, at **10.30 A.M.**
3. Accordingly, the order dated 20th January, 2026 is modified to the extent as indicated hereinabove and the rest part of the order shall remain intact.

4. Reference may be made to the order dated 20th January, 2026

wherein the following order was passed which reads as:

"1. We have gone through the pleadings made in the writ petition as also the orders passed by this time to time.

2. It appears that vide order dated 19th September, 2025 this Court has directed the Superintendent of Police, Gumla to appear physically along with case diary and progress in criminal case and to explain as to whether any clue of the minor child (female) since the victim was minor at the time when she was missing, has been found or not.

The order dated 23rd September, 2025 reflects that the Superintendent of Police, Gumla has appeared and stated that Special Investigation Team has been constituted. Thereafter, on the prayer of the police administration, the matter has been adjourned, but still, there is no clue as has been submitted by the learned State counsel.

3. As per records the First Information Report was instituted on 06.02.2020 and the Special Investigation Team was constituted on 29.08.2025. There is no explanation in the affidavit filed on behalf of the respondent-police administration of Gumla as to why the sincere efforts have not been taken immediately after institution of the First Information Report rather, it appears that when the present case which has been filed on 04.09.2025 for issuance of writ in the nature of habeas corpus, the Special Investigation Team has been constituted.

4. The Superintendent of Police, Gumla, therefore, is directed to explain as to what action has been taken by him in the capacity of the S.P., Gumla against the officer-in-charge of the concerned police station under whose jurisdiction the First Information Report was instituted on 06.02.2020.

5. This Court is of the view how the police can be so unconcerned when the FIR was instituted by mother of the missing female child and instead of taking any sincere endeavour immediately, the SIT has been constituted after lapse of five years.

6. The Superintendent of Police, Gumla is directed to appear physically before this Court tomorrow, i.e., 21.01.2026 along with explanation as aforesaid and updated case diary, right from the date of institution of FIR.

7. This matter is adjourned to be listed tomorrow, i.e., 21.01.2026 within top five cases, at 2:15 p.m.

8. Let this order be communicated to the Director General of Police, Jharkhand forthwith."

5. Mr. Haris Bin Zaman, at present holding the post of Superintendent of Police Gumla, is present in the Court.

6. This Court, while interacting with the S.P. Gumla has been apprised that after his joining as S.P. Gumla, he has constituted another S.I.T. to make the investigation for the purpose of tracing out the victim more effectively. He has also stated that prior to constitution of this S.I.T., earlier 3 S.I.T.s has also been moved outside the State, but as yet, so far as the present victim is concerned, no trace has been found, however, in course thereof, 9 children have been recovered.
7. The S.P. Gumla has stated that he is taking personal care on the issue and he will come with the update after two weeks.
8. In course of hearing of the present matter, the issue of kidnapping of the children and the incidents of like nature has been pointed out by giving instance of the kidnapping of two children from the area of Dhurwa Police Station, Ranchi and in course of tracing them, several children have been recovered.
9. It has been pointed out by the learned counsel appearing for the State that the racket has also been traced out and now the police interrogation is going on to search out larger conspiracy of the said racketeers.
10. It has also been pointed out that the said racket, so has been apprehended, is said to be of the outsiders who are coming from different States to do the business, but in the garb of doing business, they are found to be involved in criminal activities including human trafficking.

11. This crime has devastating consequences for the physical, cognitive and socio-emotional development of children. Victims often suffer lifelong health issues, severe trauma-related disorders, anxiety, depression and difficulties in social integration. Children are nearly twice as likely to suffer extreme violence from traffickers.
12. Child trafficking undermines healthy societal structures and perpetuates cycles of poverty and exploitation. It destroys childhood and can trap trafficked children in a cycle of violence and exploitation when they become parents themselves; it disrupts education and hinders community development. Addressing child trafficking is crucial for achieving broader social and economic stability and societal cohesion.
13. This Court, therefore, is of the view that the State through the Department of Home, is to formulate a guideline to deal with these categories of people who are coming in the State of Jharkhand from outside, particularly for proper identification and permission which is to be sought for from the concerned police station.
14. The learned State counsel has agreed to the same taking into consideration the fact that the issue is in larger public interest.
15. The Secretary, Home Department, is requested to appear through online mode on next date for further interaction on the issue along with the suggestion as to how to deal with the situation.
16. List this matter on 27th January, 2026 within top 5 cases.

17. This Court is of the view that on each and every date, the presence of S.P. Gumla is not required. As such, the personal appearance of the S.P. Gumla is dispensed with.

18. However, the head of the S.I.T. is required to appear to update the Court with regard to tracing the victim, which is the subject matter of the present case.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

21st January, 2026
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