

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**  
**W.P.(PIL) No. 1218 of 2022**

Md. Mumtaz Ansari ... .. Petitioner  
Versus  
The State of Jharkhand, through the Chief Secretary, Ranchi & Ors.  
... .. Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR**

For the Petitioner : Md. Shadab Ansari, Advocate  
For the Respondents : Mr. Sachin Kumar, AAG-II

11 /21.08.2025      Heard.

**2.** The Secretary, Department of Home, Prison and Disaster Management, Government of Jharkhand, is directed to file his personal affidavit with regard to the number of cases of custodial death whether in prison or in judicial custody from the year 2018 onwards and also stating as to whether the factum of death was brought to the notice of the Magistrate so as to make an enquiry under Section 176 (1-A) of Cr.P.C or Section 196(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

**3.** Let the said affidavit be filed within four weeks.

**4.** List this case on 25.09.2025.

**(Tarlok Singh Chauhan, C.J.)**

**(Rajesh Shankar, J.)**