

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

Md Mumtaz Ansari Petitioner
Versus
State of Jharkhand and Others Respondents

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

For the Petitioner: Md. Shadab Ansari, Advocate
For the Respondents: Mr. Gaurav Raj, A.C. to A.A.G.-II

02/Dated: 27.11.2025

1. In compliance of the order dated 25.09.2025, the Principal Secretary, Department of Home, Prison and Disaster Management, Government of Jharkhand, has filed a personal affidavit. However, the Secretary was only called upon to file an affidavit indicating all cases of custodial death, whether in prison or in judicial custody. Obviously the data pertaining to the deaths in police transit/police custody could not be contained in such affidavit.
2. In the given facts, we deem it appropriate to once again direct the Principal Secretary to file a personal affidavit and indicate all cases of death in police custody and police transit.
3. Let a fresh affidavit be filed within three weeks.
4. List on 18th of December 2025.

(Tarlok Singh Chauhan, C.J.)

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

November 27, 2025