



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
LUCKNOW**

CRIMINAL MISC. WRIT PETITION No. - 11291 of 2025

Vikrama Prasad

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. Thru. Prin. Secy. Home Lko. And 3
Others

.....Respondent(s)

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Court No. - 11

HON'BLE ABDUL MOIN, J.

HON'BLE MRS. BABITA RANI, J.

1. Personal affidavit of the Commissioner of Police, Lucknow filed today is taken on record.

2. This writ petition is a classic example of the casual and cavalier attitude of the authorities.

3. The son of the petitioner had gone missing in July, 2024, which resulted in the petitioner filing a missing person report on 17.07.2024, a copy of which is Annexure-1 to the writ petition. Thereafter, the matter attained a quietus. When no action was taken by the authorities to redress the grievance of the petitioner, he approached this Court by filing the instant petition on 27.11.2025.

4. Considering the seriousness of the matter in which an adult aged about 32 years has gone missing from the State capital, this Court passed an order dated 01.12.2025 requiring the personal affidavit of the Commissioner of Police to indicate the progress which has been made in the matter. In pursuance thereof, the personal affidavit of the Commissioner of Police, Lucknow has been filed.

5. Learned AGA while placing reliance on the averments contained in the said affidavit has stated that:-

(A) An FIR has been lodged on 02.12.2025 vide FIR No. 0690 of 2025

under 137(2) of the B.N.S., 2023. The efforts have now been started to trace out the missing person.

(B) Learned AGA also drawn attention of this Court towards an order of Incharge Inspector, Police Station Chinhat, District Lucknow dated NIL, a copy of which is Annexure-13, whereby a reference has been given to the instant pending writ petition and various directions have been issued for the purpose of tracing out the missing person by indicating that the missing person's photographs should be obtained, the same should be displayed on various points, notices should be issued in the newspapers and his missing should be telecasted on the Doordarshan and radio etc.

6. Thus, it is apparent that it is only when this Court has taken cognizance of a person having gone missing from the State capital in July, 2024 vide its orders dated 01.12.2025 that the official machinery has now got into motion by lodging the FIR and by indicating the efforts which are now being made in order to trace out the missing person. As already indicated above the efforts have started about approximately one and half years of the missing complaint being lodged by the petitioner in order to trace out his son.

7. Upon a pointed query being put to the learned AGA as to how the said complaints pertaining to missing person are dealt with, he fairly states that the complaints are uploaded on the website, and thereafter, they continue to remain on the website till such time, some impetus is given either by an order of the Court of law or otherwise !!!

8. This action indicates the lackadaisical attitude on the part of the State authorities in tracing out missing persons. There might be various complaints with regard to the same. However, it is only by means of the instant petition that the aforesaid situation has come to the notice of this Court i.e. a missing complaint being simply uploaded on the website of the authorities, and thereafter, no action being taken till such time, some action is required to be done by an order of a Court of law. This is already not expected from a welfare State whereby the citizen has to approach the highest Court of the State in order to set in motion an action which is required to be done by the authorities themselves on their own accord more particularly when the missing complaint report admittedly has been uploaded on the official website of the State authorities.

10. Considering the aforesaid, let a personal affidavit of the Principal Secretary (Home) be filed indicating:

(A) the action which has been taken in pursuance to missing complaint report which had been lodged by the petitioner in July, 2024 and in pursuance of which an FIR dated 02.12.2025 has been lodged

(B) as to how many such missing complaint reports have been uploaded on the website which is said to be N.C.R.B. since 01 January, 2024, and as to how many of those missing complaint reports have been redressed/ persons traced out.

(C) as to how the said missing complaints are dealt with by the authorities once the said complaint is uploaded on the website of the N.C.R.B.

11. The personal affidavit, would also indicate as to whether any information is sent to the complainant regarding the status of the said missing complaint report, and if so the frequency with which any information is sent to the complainant.

12. Let personal affidavit be filed within three weeks. In case personal affidavit is not filed then the Principal Secretary (Home) shall appear in person alongwith the records to assist the Court.

13. List this case on **29.01.2026**

(Mrs. Babita Rani,J.) (Abdul Moin,J.)

December 17, 2025

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