

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR
CRA No. 3336 of 2026
(PANKAJ KUMAR Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS)

Dated : 20-07-2026

Shri Ghanshyam Sharma - Advocate for the appellant.

Shri Ashutosh Joshi - Advocate for the objector.

Shri Arvind Kumar Singh - G.A. for the respondents / State.

We are not satisfied with the affidavit of Shashikant Shukla, Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, Bhopal. Merely saying that it is a typographical error puts a big question mark on the credibility of the forensic report where Article 'B' and 'C' have been shown to be of somebody else. Lame excuse that it is a typographical error cannot be accepted when the life and death of a person is involved. If the Director and Scientific Officer failed to read the report properly before signing it then credibility of the report cannot be said to be intact.

Let Director remain personally present to explain his affidavit and he will point out that in how many reports there are typographical errors and how these typographical errors have crept in. It appears that 15 days time has been granted to one Dr. Harsha Singh to conduct preliminary enquiry. That 15 days time will come to an end on 31st July, 2026.

Therefore, list this matter on **5th August, 2026** for further hearing before this Bench only i.e. Bench consisting of myself and Hon'ble Shri Justice Vivek Jain. It is directed that Enquiry Officer as well as Director, FSL shall remain personally present.

(VIVEK AGARWAL)
JUDGE

(VIVEK JAIN)
JUDGE