IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (S) No. 3981 of 2026

Pradhan Deogam, aged about 61 years, son of Late Baisegu Deogam resident of Qr. No.F/23/6, Dimna Colony, P.O. M.G.M., Police Station-M.G.M., District-East Singhbhum. ....**Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. The Secretary, Water Resources Department, State of Jharkhand, Secretariat, Nepal House, P.O. and P.S. Doranda, district-Ranchi.
3. Commissioner, Kolhan-cum-Administrator, Suberna Rekha Multipurpose Project,
4. The Director, Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation, Suberna Rekha Multipurpose Project, Jamshedpur.
5. Additional Director, Land Acquisition And Rehabilitation, Subernarekha Multipurpose Project, Jamshedpur.
6. Special Land Acquisition Officer, No.3, Subernarekha Multipurpose Project, Nos.3 to 6 all having their office at Adityapur Jamshedpur, P.O. Jamshedpur-831013, P.S. Adityapur, district-East Singhbhum. ....**Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Om Prakash Singh, Advocate
For the Respondent(s) : Mr. J.F. Toppo, G.A.-V
Mr. Neil Abhijeet Toppo, A.C. to G.A.-V

02/Dated: 30.06.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The instant writ application has been preferred by the petitioner praying therein for the following reliefs:

> *For issuance of a writ of mandamus upon respondents to pay the post retirement benefits i.e. Pension, Gratuity, Leave Encashment and Group Insurance which has not yet been paid to the petitioner who has been superannuated from the service of respondents with effect from 31-12-2024, in spite of representations and reminders submitted/ sent by petitioner to the respondents; and/or such other or further order or orders may be passed as Your Lordships may deem fit and proper in the ends of justice.*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the petitioner is fully entitled for the prayer made in the instant writ application; however, in spite of repeated representations the grievance of the petitioner has not been redressed.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents fairly submits

that since no counter affidavit has been filed; as such the petitioner may be directed to approach the concerned respondent by filing a fresh representation, who shall look into the matter so that the grievance of the petitioner can be redressed.

5. Having regard to the aforesaid submissions and without going into the merits of the case, the instant writ application is hereby disposed of by directing the respondent No.6 to look into the grievance of the petitioner by treating this writ application as representation and take a decision in the matter in accordance with law and applicable rules and regulations by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order and communicate the same to the petitioner and if the decision is in favour of the petitioner, the admitted monetary benefit shall be paid to him within a further period of 4 weeks. The petitioner shall serve a copy of this writ application along with the relevant documents to the concerned respondent for convenience.

6. With the aforesaid observations and directions, the instant writ application stands disposed of. Pending I.A., if any also stands closed.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

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