IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P(S). No. 3968 of 2021

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1. Devendra Nath Ojha, aged about 53 years, son of Lokendra Narayan Ojha, resident of Mohalla Nawada, Kadma, P.O. & P.S. Hazaribagh, District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand).

2. Bijay Kumar, aged about 45 years, son of Ganpat Mahto, resident of Chandawara, P.O. & P.S. Ichak, District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand).

3. Md. Kamil, aged about 53 years, son of Late Abdul Ajij, resident of Mohalla Chistia, P.O. Hazaribagh, P.S. Sadar, District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand). **.....Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand through its Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, having its office at Project Building, Dhurwa, P.O. & P.S. Dhurwa, District Ranchi (Jharkhand).

2. Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Engineers Building, having its office at Kutchahari Road, P.O.- G.P.O., P.S. Kotwali, District Ranchi (Jharkhand).

3. Superintending Engineer, Minor Irrigation Circle, Hazaribagh, P.O. & P.S. Hazaribagh District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand)

4. Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division Hazaribagh, P.O. & P.S. Hazaribagh, District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand). **.....Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioners : Mr. Vipul Poddar, Advocate
For the Resp.-State : Mr. Amit Kumar, SC (Mines)-II

05/ Dated: 18.08.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The instant writ application has been preferred by the petitioners praying for a direction upon the respondent authorities to consider the case of the petitioners for promotion on the post of Lower division Clerk (LDC) in view of the fact that the name of the petitioners have been recommended by the Superintending Engineer of the respondent department.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent submits that as per the stand of the respondents, this letter was issued only as a stop gap arrangement. However,

if the petitioners so choose, they may approach before the concern respondent.

4. Having regard to the above, the instant application is hereby disposed of by directing the petitioners to file an individual representation before the respondent no. 2 as early as possible. The moment the respondent no. 2 receives such representation/s, he shall verify the records of the case and pass an appropriate order in accordance with law and applicable rules and regulations within a period of eight weeks. If the decision is taken in favour of the petitioners, then, consequential order shall be issued within a further period of four weeks.

5. Accordingly, the instant writ application stands disposed of.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

18.08.2026

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