IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

L.P.A. No. 634 of 2025

1. Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation through its Managing Director having its office at Khanij Nigam Limited, Nepal House Doranda, P.O. + P.S. –Doranda, Dist-Ranchi, Jharkhand
2. Managing Director Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation having its office Khanij Nigam Limited, Nepal House, Doranda, P.O. + P.S. Doranda, Dist-Ranchi, Jharkhand

…. …. Appellants/Respondents

Versus

1. Tarapad Jha, aged about 52 years, son of Late Hiralal Jha, resident of Village & P.O.- Kumhardaga, P.S.-Gola, Distrcit- Ranchi
2. Md. Mafijuddin Ansari, aged about 57 years, son of Shish Ansari, resident of Barharwa (Purvi Kulli Para), P.O. & P.S.- Barharwa, District-Sahibganj.
3. Sunila Malto, aged about 48 years, daughter of Rana Malto, resident of Simaldoga, P.O.-Dighi, P.S.-Ranga, District-Sahibganj.
4. Saraswati Devi, aged about 47 years, wife of Late Harihar Nath Mahato, resident of Village-Kuchu, P.O.-Kuchu, P.S.-Ormanjhi, District- Ranchi.
5. Sandhya Devi, aged about 58 years, wife of Balram Turi, resident of Village and P.O.-Bara Digghi, P.S.-Ranga, District-Sahibganj.
6. Fulwati Devi, aged about 50 years, wife of Fitkari Ray, resident of Chhota Digghi, P.O.-Bara Digghi, P.S.-Ranga, District-Sahibganj.
7. Janki Turi, aged 47 years, son of Late Kuka Turi, resident of Village & P.O.-Bara Dighi, P.S.-Ranga, District-Sahibganj.
8. Budhni Devi, aged about 36 years, wife of Sri Jeetu Rai, resident of Village and P.O.-Bara Digghi, P.S.-Ranga, District-Sahibganj.
9. Rameshwar Bedia, aged about 52 years, son of Late Lachu Bedia, resident of Village-Auradih, P.O. & P.S.-Sangrampur, District-Ramgarh.
10. Pujan Raut, aged about 49 years, son of Late Upendra Raut, resident of JSMDCL, Khanji Bhawan House, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, Ranchi.
11. Govind Paswan, aged about 46 years, son of Sri Harihar Paswan, resident of 138, Sahana Road, P.O. & P.S.-Koderma, District-Koderma.
12. Gudu Mahato, aged about 51 years, son of Late Chunu Mahato, resident of Village & P.O.-Kumhardaga, P.S.-Gola, District-Ramgarh.

13. Sagun Mahto @ Sagun Mahato, aged about 48 years, son of Sri Kitku Mahato, resident of Village Badkisarla, P.O.-Sangrampur, P.S.-Gola, District-Ramgarh.
14. Raj Kumar Saha, aged about 52 years, son of Late Sripati Sav, resident of Village and P.O.-Bara Digghi, P.S.-Ranga, District-Sahibganj.
15. Mukund Saha, aged about 56 years, son of Nitlal Saha, resident of Village Belatukur, P.O.- Barharwa (Kela Bari), P.S.-Ranga, District-Sahibganj.
16. Shashi Bhushan Prasad, aged about 47 years, son of Late Satyanarayan Prasad, resident of Village P.O.-Bara Digghi, P.S.-Ranga, District-Sahibganj.

... Respondents/Petitioners

17. The State of Jharkhand through the Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand, having its office at Nepal House, P.O. & P.S.- Doranda, Dist – Ranchi.
18. The Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand, having its office at Nepal House, P.O. & P.S.- Doranda, Dist – Ranchi.
19. Deputy Secretary, Mines & Geology Department, having its office at Nepal House, P.O. & P.S.- Doranda, Dist- Ranchi.
20. Under Secretary, Mines & Geology Department, having its office at Nepal House, P.O. & P.S.- Doranda, Dist- Ranchi.
21. Establishment Incharge, Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., Khanij Nigam Bhawan, Nepal House Area, P.O. & P.S.- Doranda, District – Ranchi.

Performa Respondents/Respondents

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

For the Appellants: Mr. Piyush Chitresh, Advocate
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For the Respondents: Mr Jayant Franklin Toppo, G.A.-V
Mr Ajit Kumar, A.C. to G.A.V

03/Dated: 16.06.2026

1. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

2. I.A. No. 7225 of 2025 seeks condonation of the delay of 799 days in the appeal order dated 27.06.2022 disposing of W.P.(S) No. 5112 of 2018.

3. It is pointed out that on the aforesaid date, i.e. 27.06.2022, a similar order was passed disposing of a similar case being W.P. (S) No. 6235 of 2018. As against the said order dated 27.06.2022 disposing of W.P.(S) No. 6235 of 2018, LPA (Filing) No. 10555 of 2024 was filed after a delay of 799 days. By order dated 15.07.2025, by a Coordinate Bench of this Court, in which one of us was a party, the I.A. seeking condonation of the delay of 799 days was dismissed, and consequently, the LPA was dismissed.

4. In this case, on perusing the I.A., we find that the reasons, or, rather, the excuses, seeking condonation of the delay of 799 days are not different from those involved in L.P.A. (Filing) No. 10555 of 2024. Therefore, upon following the reasonings in the order dated 15.07.2025 disposing of I.A. No. 7265 of 2025 in L.P.A. (Filing) No. 10555 of 2024, we dismiss this I.A.

5. Even otherwise, on independently evaluating the averments in this I.A., we find that no sufficient cause has been shown to explain the delay.

6. I.A. No. 7225 of 2025 is accordingly dismissed, without any order for costs. Consequently, the accompanying appeal stands dismissed and disposed of.

(M. S. Sonak, C.J.)

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

June 16, 2026
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