

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3318 of 2026

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Harendra Singh, son of Bhuteli Singh, resident of village- Asani, police station- Udwantnagar, District- Bhojpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the chief secretary department of mines and minerals, Government of Bihar, Patna at Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, District- Patna at Patna.
3. The District mining officer, District- Patna at Patna.
4. The mining inspector, District- Patna at Patna.
5. The officer in charge of Bihta Police station, Bihta, District- Patna.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Niraj Kumar Singh, Advocate.

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Ajay Behari Sinha, GA 8.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A. ABHISHEK REDDY
ORAL ORDER

3 22-07-2026 Without going into the merits or demerits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission with the consent of both the Counsels.

2. Having regard to the fact that the petitioner is having an alternative and efficacious remedy of filing an appeal, the present writ petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to file a statutory appeal before the District Magistrate, Patna i.e. Respondent No. 2 herein under Section 56A of the Act challenging the confiscation proceeding within a period of 4 weeks from today. On such appeal being filed, the



Respondent No. 2 herein shall pass a reasoned order duly taking into consideration the grounds of appeal. It is needless to observe that before passing any order the petitioner shall be put on notice and given an opportunity of hearing. The entire exercise shall be completed as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order. Any order passed shall be communicated to the party.

3. With the above observation, the present Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(A. Abhishek Reddy, J)

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