IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (C) No. 2718 of 2026

M/s Maihar Hotels & Resorts Pvt. Ltd., Daburgram; P.O., P.S. & District-Deoghar, Jharkhand, Pin No-814112 through its Managing Director Santosh Kumar Mandal, aged about 41 years, son of Prem Mandal, resident of Village- Kangoi, P.O. & P.S. Mihijam, District- Jamtara (Jharkhand). … … … Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand through the Secretary, Department of Mines and Geology, having office at Yojna Bhawan (Nepal House), P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District- Ranchi (Jharkhand).
2. The Commissioner, Department of Mines and Geology, having office at Yojna Bhawan (Nepal House), P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District-Ranchi (Jharkhand).
3. The Director of Mines, Department of Mines and Geology, having office at Yojna Bhawan (Nepal House), P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District-Ranchi (Jharkhand).
4. The Deputy Director, Mines, Dhanbad Zone, Dhanbad, P.O. & P.S. Dhanbad, District- Dhanbad (Jharkhand).
5. The Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate, Giridih, having office at District Collectorate, Giridih, P.O. & P.S. Giridih, District- Giridih (Jharkhand).
6. The Additional Collector, Giridih, P.O. & P.S. Giridih, District-Giridih (Jharkhand).
7. The District Mining Officer, Giridih, having office at District Collectorate, Giridih, P.O. & P.S. Giridih, District- Giridih (Jharkhand).
8. The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Giridih, P.O. & P.S. Giridih, District- Giridih (Jharkhand).
9. The Treasury Officer, Giridih, P.O. & P.S. Giridih, District-Giridih (Jharkhand).

… … … Respondents

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

For the Petitioner: Mr. Manoj Tandon, Advocate
Mr. Ankit Apurva, Advocate
For the State: Mr. Piyush Chitresh, A.C. to A.G.

02/Dated: 07.05.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. Mr. Manoj Tandon, the learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, seeks leave to withdraw this petition with liberty to file a representation within ten days for refund of the forfeited earnest money. He submits that some directions may be issued to the 5th respondent for disposal of his representation in accordance with law and on its own merits.

3. Mr. Tandon, refers to the order dated 25.03.2026 disposing of W.P. (C) No. 1783 of 2026 filed by Samarth Ad Protex Private Limited, who was the other tenderer in respect of the same sand ghat. He submits that similar liberty was granted to the said petitioner.

4. Considering the order passed disposing of W.P.(C) No. 1783 of 2026, we grant the petitioner leave to withdraw this petition with liberty to represent to the 5th respondent for refund of the forfeited earnest money.

5. If the representation is filed within 10 days from today, the 5th respondent should dispose it of in accordance with law and on its own merits within eight weeks from its receipt after hearing the petitioner and passing a reasoned order. All contentions of all parties are however left open to be decided by the 5th respondent at the first instance.

6. The petition is allowed to be withdrawn with liberty in the above terms and without any order for costs.

7. Pending Interlocutory Applications, if any, do not survive and are disposed of.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

May 07, 2026

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