IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.3066 of 2026

1. Karma Oraon, aged about 57 years, son of Late Gandhra Oraon.
2. Bhorma Oraon, aged about 54 years, S/o of Late Gandhra Oraon.
both are the resident of Vill Khora Bhakuwa Toli, P.O Khora, P.S + Dist. Gumla, Jharkhand. …. Petitioner(s)

Versus

1. The National Highway Authorities of India, through its Project Officer (Director), Ashoknagar, C-168 Road - 4, Ranchi, P.O + P.S-Argora, Dist - Ranchi.
2. The State of Jharkhand through the Deputy Collector Gumla, having its office at Office of the Collectorate Building, Gumla, P.O + P.S + Dist - Gumla, Jharkhand.
3. The District Land Acquisition Officer, Gumla, having its office at Office at Collectorate Building, Gumla, P.O + P.S.+ Dist- Gumla, Jharkhand.
4. The Circle Officer, Gumla, having its office at Collectorate Building, Gumla, P.O + P.S + Dist - Gumla, Jharkhand.
5. Anand Oraon, aged about 53 years, son Temba Oraon,
6. Raijwal Oroan, aged about 48 years, son Temba Oraon.
7. Chhotelal Oroan, aged about 47 years, son of Temba oraon.
8. Budhwa Oroan, aged about 54 years, son of Bhatku Oroan.
9. Fagu Oroan, aged about 50 years, son Bhatku Oroan,
10. Daleshwar Oraon, aged about 48 years, son of Bhatku Oroan.
All respondent no 5 to 10 are the same R/o, Vill Khora Bhakuwa Toli, P.O Khora, P.S + Dist Gumla, Jharkhand. … Respondent(s)

CORAM: SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Ajeet Kumar Singh, Advocate
For NHAI : Mrs. Sweety Topno, Advocate
Mr. Amit Raj Kisku, Advocate

3/28.04.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the Respondents.

2. The petitioners in this writ petition have prayed for

(a) direction upon the respondents to consider the objection raised by the petitioners (Annexure-1 in Series) against the Notice issued by NHAI u/s 3(H) under National Highway No. 43 vide dated 26.12.2025 and compensation amount of Rs. 47,84,257,00/- land bearing no. Khata No. 114, plot no. 2221,2223, 2224 and 2225 and

for total raqba is 0.13840 acre of land and vide dated 22.05.2022 compensation amount of Rs. 20,60,674/- land bearing no. Khata No. 333, plot no. 2400,2409,2534,2535,2536,2537 and 3650, and for total raqba is 0.381/4 acre and also vide dated 26.12.2025 compensation amount of Rs. 9,25,624/-in Land Acquisition Case No. 30/2023-24 pertaining to Mouza, Khora, Circle- Gumla Sadar, District Gumla, and land bearing no. Khata No. 333, plot no. 2602 and for total raqba is 0.07410 acre of land and aforesaid land is running in the name of ancestor (Jagarnath Oraon or else) and the aforesaid land is Bakast Bhuihari in nature of Aadiwasi land which joint property and they are continuously in possession since inception and in this case illegal disbursement of compensation amount to the co-share by NHAI despite being joint property and respondent no. 5 to 10 illegally disbursed the amount by NHAI.

(b) for direction upon the respondent no. 3 i.e. the District Land Acquisition Officer, Gumla to take decision with regard to withheld the aforesaid compensation amount which has to be given and disburse the compensation amount equally among all legal heir of their ancestor but in this case compensation amount has been disbursed one particle people instead of equal compensation amount among all the legal heirs, therefore same may be withheld till the compensation amount to be decided by the competent court.

(c) Direct payment of the petitioner's lawful share of compensation along with interest.

4. Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that he has

objected to the disbursement of the compensation amount to the private respondents, but the authorities under the National Highway Act are sitting tight over the matter and his objection has not considered.

5. The case of the petitioner is that the land in question has been acquired under the National Highway Act. The petitioner is claiming proportionate share in the compensation amount as he claims title over the land in question as the property is joint.

6. These points can be considered by the respondents under the National Highway Act at the initial stage, for which the petitioner has already approached the authorities.

7. As such, the Respondents are directed to take appropriate steps under law within ten weeks after receiving of the copy of this order and will communicate the decision to the petitioner.

8. With the aforesaid observation, this writ petition is disposed of.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

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