IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(S) No. 2245 of 2026

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1. Ritu Ranjan Sharma, aged about 39 years, Son of Girija Prasad Sharma, Resident of 2030 H2, Dr. J. Saran Road, Near Baxi Compound, Bariyatu, P.O. & P.S.-Bariyatu, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834009.
2. Chandan Kumar Koundilya, aged about 39 years, Son of Shashi Bhushan Pathak, Resident of Sada Bahar Chowk Near JSSC Office, Kalinagar, Namkum, P.O. & P.S. Namkum, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834010.
3. Ratnesh Dadel, aged about 45 years, Son of Herrick Dadel, Resident of Kadru Kumhar Toli Near Lakra Hostel Lane River Side, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand - 834002.
4. Anil Kumar Vishwakarma, aged about 45 years, Son of T. N Vishwakarma, Resident of at Narpoka, P.O-Doranda, P.S.-Giridih, District-Giridih, Jharkhand - 825412.
5.Chanda Kumari, aged about 44 years, Daughter of Mithilesh Prasad, Resident of House No. 179, Gosai Tank Road, Upper Chutia, P.O. & P.S.-Chutia, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834001.
6.Amit Kumar Sinha, aged about 42 years, Son of Anil Kumar, Resident of Devi Mandap Road, Near Bharat Seva Ashram, Mandatandh, Tupudana Ward-53, Hatia, P.O-Hatia, P.S.-Jagarnathpur, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834003.
7. Rajat Shekhar, aged about 40 years, Son of Surya Kumar Singh, Resident of Nitaangan Via-Shreya Enclave Road Near Greenview Heights Diwakar Nagar, Bariatu, P.O.-Bariatu, P.S.-Sadar, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand - 834009.
8. Amit Kumar, aged about 47 years, Son of Arun Kumar, Resident of Makatpur, P.O-Giridih, P.S.-Giridih (T), District-Giridih, Jharkhand-815301.
9.Ramavtar Mahto, aged bout 42 years, Son of Birbal Mahto, Resident of at Sandi, P.O-Bharechnagar, P.S.-Mandu, Districct-Ramgarh, Jharkhand - 829117.
10. Niraj Kumar Pandey, aged about 42 years, Son of Yogeshwar Pandey, Resident of Village-Kemo, P.O.& P.S.-Keredari, District-Hazaribagh, Jharkhand-825311.
11. Sweta Kumari, aged about 44 years, Wife of Manoj Kumar Gupta, Resident of Marwari Mohalla, Pachamba, P.O. & P.S.-Pachamba, District-Giridih, Jharkhand-815316.

12. 2. Swati Kumari, aged about 45 years, Daughter of Raj Kapoor Sahu, Resident of College Road, Bundu, P.O. & P.S.-Bundu, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-835204.
13. Damodar Prasad Sahu, aged about 41 years, Son of Muni Prasad Sahu, Resident of Village-Kanda, P.O.-Kanda, P.S.-Nawa Bazar, District-Palamu, Jharkhand-822124.
14. Sarita Kumari, aged about 44 years, Daughter of Balram Bhagat, Resident of Village-Dhamni Bazar, P.O-Dhamni Bazar, P.S.-Sunderpahari, District-Godda, Jharkhand-816102.
15. Priyabrat Kumar, aged about 39 years, Son of Ramesh Prasad Singh, Resident of D. T 1791, Sector 09, Dhurwa, P.O. & P.S.-Dhurwa, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834004.
16. Ravi Kumar Gupta, aged about 40 years, Son of Uday Kumar Gupta, Resident of Barajamda, Diriburu, P.O-Barajamda, P.S. Barajamda, District-West Singhbhum, Jharkhand - 833221.
17. Shanta Kumari, aged about 45 years, Wife of Anupam Jha, Resident of at 4C- Ram Block Sita Kunj Apartment, Karamtoli, Dr. S.N Yadav Road, P.O-Morabadi, P.S.-Lalpur, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand.
18. Pankaj Kumar Singh, aged about 44 years, Son of Rajendra Singh, Resident of Village-Tetariyadih, P.O-Domchanch Bazar, P.S.-Domchanch, District-Koderma, Jharkhand-825418.
19. Ranjeet Kumar, aged about 42 years, Son of Satyanarayn Singh, Resident of Qr. No. B/6, Sector-III, P.O. & P.S. Dhurwa, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834004.

.... **Petitioner(s)**

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1. State of Jharkhand through Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand, having its office at Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, P.O & P.S-Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
2. Secretary, Department of Personnel, Adminstrative Reforms & Rajbhasa, having its office at Project Building, Dhurwa, P.O. & P.S. -Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
3. Jharkhand Public Service Commission through Secretary officiating at JPSC Office, Circular Road, Lalpur, P.O. & P.S. Lalpur, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
4. Examination Controller, Jharkhand Public Service Commission, having its office at Circular Road, Lalpur, P.O. & P.S. Lalpur, Ranchi, Jharkhand.

.....Respondent (s)

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CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN**

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Amritansh Vats, Adv
For the Resp.-State : Mr. Piyush Chitresh, A.C. to A.G.
For the JPSC : Mr. Sanjay Piprawall, Adv
Mr. Prince Kumar, Adv

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1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The instant writ application has been preferred by the petitioners for the following reliefs;

> *(i) For quashing of Clause 6 of Resolution No.1093, dated 21.02.2026 (Annexure-8) issued under the Secretary, Government of Jharkhand, whereby, after due consideration, the State Government has decided the cut-off dates for calculation of maximum age limit shall be 01.08.2022 pursuant to Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Competitive Examination, 2025, which is applicable for candidates of all categories which is out & out illegal, arbitrary & unreasonable, particularly in view of the fact that Rule - 4 (i) of the Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination, 2021, since the examination is not being conducted every year as mandate in the said Rule and considering the same, the respondent-State has given the age relaxation in last Civil Services Examination pursuant to Advertisement No. 01 of 2021 the cut-off date for the calculation of upper age limit was 01.08.2016 and pursuant to Advertisement No.01 of 2024, which was conducted in the year 2024 by treating the cut-off date for the calculation of upper age limit as 01.08.2017.*
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> *(ii) To hold and declare the Resolution No. 1093, dated 21.02.2026 (Annexure-8) as Ultra-Vires to Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination, 2021 as well as Article 14 of the Constitution of India since the said decision of the State Government has denied the legitimate expectation of aspirants at large and also the same is arbitrary and unfair.*
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> *(iii) In consequent thereof, the respondent-State be directed to publish a fresh Resolution by relaxing the*

cut-off dates for calculation of maximum age limit as 01.08.2018.
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(iv) During pendency of the writ petition, the operation, implementation and execution of the Resolution No.1093, dated 21.02.2026 (Annexure-8) passed by the Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Rajbhasa, Government of Jharkhand may be stayed.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners fairly submits that the issue involved in this writ application is squarely covered by the judgment rendered in L.P.A. No. 202 of 2026 along with analogous cases.

4. Learned counsel for the respondent submits that it is true that the issues are squarely covered by the aforesaid judgment, but the fact remains that the aforesaid judgment is against the petitioner.

5. Having regard to the aforesaid fact and after going through the judgment, it appears that the same is decided against the petitioners.

6. Having regard to the above no relief can be granted to the petitioner; accordingly, the instant writ application stands rejected. Pending I.A.s if any also stands disposed of.

(Deepak Roshan, J)

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