IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P. (C) No. 7581 of 2026

Khurshid Alam Ansari, S/o Late Md. Siddique, R/o Village-Chamardiha, P.O. & P.S.-Barwadih, District-Latehar
..... Petitioner

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand, through its Chief Secretary, Ranchi
2. Deputy Commissioner, Latehar
3. Land Reforms Deputy Collector, Latehar
4. Circle Officer, Barwadih, Latehar

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. A.K. Sahani, Advocate
For the State : Mrs. Shalini Shahdeo, AC to SC (L&C)-I
For the Intervenors : Mr. Sudhir Kumar Sharma, Advocate
Mr. Ram Prakash Singh, Advocate
Mr. Shashi Shekhar Dwivedi, Advocate

Order No.04 **Date: 02.11.2026**

1. The present writ petition has been filed for quashing the order dated 16.01.2026 (Annexure-11 to the writ petition) passed by the respondent No. 4 in Misc. Case No. 99 of 2025-26 whereby the petitioner's prayer to rectify the entries made in online portal of National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) with respect to the land appertaining to CS Plot No. 210, CS Khata No. 19, measuring an area of 75 decimals, situated at Mouza-Harparwa, P.S.-Barwadih, District-Latehar has been rejected.

2. The grievance of the petitioner as raised in the writ petition is that though the Jamabandi of the land in question was already running in the name of petitioner after the same was purchased by him from the erstwhile

raiyat namely Harihar Singh vide sale deed dated 30.12.1999, his request for issuing the online rent receipt with effect from revenue year 2015-16 has been rejected by the respondent No. 4 vide order dated 16.01.2026 passed in Misc. Case No. 99 of 2025-26 which was filed pursuant to the liberty given by this Court vide order dated 14.10.2024 passed in W.P. (C) No. 4203 of 2023. According to learned counsel for the petitioner, since the Jamabandi of the said land was already opened in the name of petitioner and the rent receipts of the same were also issued in the petitioner's name till 2014-15, the respondent No. 4 was bound to entertain the petitioner's application. The respondent No. 4, while passing the impugned order dated 16.01.2026, committed an error in observing that the said respondent was not competent to make any comment upon the public document i.e., Khatiyan, wherein the land in question has been recorded as "Anabad Bihar Sarkar" and the possession of the petitioner's vendor has been described as illegal. The respondent No. 4 also committed an error in relegating the petitioner to seek remedy before the competent Civil Court.

3. Mrs. Shalini Shahdeo, learned A.C. to S.C. (L&C)-I, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that the petitioner has efficacious remedy of preferring an appeal before the respondent No. 3 invoking Section 15 of the

Bihar Tenants Holdings (Maintenance of Records) Act, 1973.

4. Mr. Sudhir Kumar Sharma, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the applicants of I.A. No. 12631 of 2026 opposes the petitioner's prayer and submits that the land in question was sold to the applicants'/intervenors' predecessor-Babu Charitar Singh vide registered sale deed No. 4211 dated 23.10.1953 executed by one Deo Prasad Sahu. Thereafter Jamabandi was also opened in his name coupled with issuance of rent receipts.
5. Be that as it may.
6. Since the petitioner has efficacious remedy of preferring appeal against the order dated 16.01.2026 passed by the respondent No. 4 in Misc. Case No. 99 of 2025-26, I am not inclined to entertain the writ petition at this stage.
7. The petitioner is, however, at liberty to prefer an appeal against the said order before the respondent No. 3.
8. The writ petition is, accordingly, disposed of with the aforesaid liberty.
9. I.A. No. 12631 of 2026 also stands disposed of.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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