IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P.(C) No. 7570 of 2026

1. Sindhu Devi, Mukhiya of Mahadeo Bathan Panchayat, Godda
2. Santlal Murmu, Pradhan of Amdiha Mouza, Godda
3. Sushil Kumar Singh ….. Petitioners

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Godda
3. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Mahagama, Godda
4. The Circle Officer, Mahagama, Godda
5. The Cricle Officer, Boarijore, Godda
6. The Chief General Manager, Eastern Coalfields Limited, Rajmahal Area, Dhankunda, Godda
7. The General Manager (Mining)-cum-Project Officer, Hurra C OCP, Area Manager (Env. & Forest), Eastern Coalfields Limited, Rajmahal Area, Dhankunda, Godda
8. The Project Head/Project Officer, Monte Carlo Private Limited, Hurra C Mining Project, Lalmatiya, Mahagama, Godda ….. Respondents

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioners: Mr. Kanti Kr. Ojha, Advocate
For the State: Mr. Tarun Kr. Mahato, A.C to A.G
For the ECL: Mr. Rajesh Lala, Advocate

03/30.09.2026 The present writ petition has been filed for issuance of direction upon the concerned respondents to remove the obstruction made over the rivulet known as 'Rajdanr' crossing through the petitioners' village by a company, namely, Monte Carlo Private Limited (the respondent No.8), which has been assigned the work of Hurra C Mining Project under a Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) contract with the respondent-Eastern Coalfields Ltd., Rajmahal Mining Area.

2. Mr. Kanti Kr. Ojha, learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that the respondent No.8 has been continuously dumping and stacking soil on the part of the said rivulet obstructing its natural flow as a result of which, serious ecological imbalance has been caused adversely affecting the public at large in the said area. The petitioner represented different authorities in this regard in pursuance of which certain letters were exchanged among the authorities,

however, nothing concrete has been done, which has compelled the petitioners to prefer the present writ petition.

3. Mr. Rajesh Lala, learned counsel for the respondent-Eastern Coalfields Ltd., on instructions, submits that the respondent No.8 has not caused any obstruction on the part of the rivulet.

4. Be that as it may.

5. Since the issue raised in the present writ petition concerns the ecology of the concerned area, the respondent No.2 is directed to get an enquiry conducted in this regard by a team of the officials including the technical personnel. After receipt of the enquiry report, if it is found that the said rivulet is being obstructed by dumping and stacking of soil at the instance of the respondent No.8, the respondent No.2 shall take appropriate steps in accordance with law for removing the same. The said exercise has to be completed within a period of three months from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order.

6. The present writ petition is accordingly disposed of with the aforesaid observation and direction.

Satish/- (RAJESH SHANKAR, J)