IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (S) No. 7260 of 2026

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1. Shivaji Pandey, aged about-76 years, Son of Late Hardeo Pandey, Resident of-228, Ganga Niketan, Dewas P.O. & P.S.-Dewas Dist-Dewas State Madhya Pradesh
2. Radha Krishn Rai, aged about-75 years, Son of Late Ram Krishn Rai, Resident of-Qno.285 F-Raod West Layout Sonari P.O. & P.S. Sonari Dist-East Singbhum
3. Gopal Pandey, aged about-76 years, Son of Late Phuldeo Pandey, Resident of-Krishnapuri road no. 4 Daltonganj P.O. & P.S. Daltonganj Dist-Daltonganj
4. Dhanwant Upadhyay, aged about-76 years, Son of Late Rambrikch Upadhyay, Resident of-Village Godhya P.O. & P.S.-Ranka Bawlia Dist-Garhwa
5. Binod Bihar Mandal, aged about-76 year, Son of Shishudhar Mandal, Resident of-55 New Colony Nimdih Chaibasa West Singhbhum Jharkhand ....**Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. The Secretary, Forest and Environment and Climate Change, Department, Government of Jharkhand, having its office at Nepal House, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, Distt-Ranchi.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, having its office at Ban Bhawan Doranda, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, Distt-Ranchi.
4. The Managing Director, Jharkhand State Forest Development Corporation, having its office at Road No. 5, Ashok Nagar, P.O. Ashoknagar, P.S.-Argora, Distt-Ranchi. ....**Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Piyush Chitresh, Advocate
For the Respondent(s) : Mr. Chandan Tiwari, A.C. to G.A.-I
For the Resp.(JSFDC) : Mr. Dr. A.K. Singh, Advocate
: Mr. Sharan Toppo, Advocate

02/Dated: 16.09.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The instant writ application has been preferred by the petitioners praying therein for the following reliefs:

> " i. *For issuance of an appropriate writ(s), orer(s) or direction(s), particularly a writ in the nature of Mandamus, commanding upon the respondents to extend to the petitioners all consequential service and monetary benefits flowing from the enhancement of the age of superannuation from 58 years to 60 years, in terms of the judgment rendered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal no.3384 of 2012 (State of Jharkhand v. Phulchand Minz & Ors.), whereby the judgment*

and order passed by this Hon'ble Court in L.P.A. No. 442 of 2006 was affirmed, holding the age of superannuation of the employees of the Jharkhand State Forest Development Corporation (JSFDC) stands enhanced from 58 years to 60 years, at par with the employees of the State Government, and consequently to grant and release all attendant service, retiral and monetary benefits arising therefrom to the petitioners within such time as may be deemed fit and proper by this Hon'ble Court."

3. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the issue involved in this writ application has been decided by the Division Bench of this Court in L.P.A. No. 442 of 2006 which has been further upheld by the Hon'ble Apex Court (Annexure-9) and (Annexure-10) respectively.

4. Learned counsel further submits that the benefit what was directed by the Division Bench in the above referred L.P.A. has already been extended to legal heirs of the respective employees at (Annexure-11); accordingly, similar benefit may be granted.

6. Learned counsel for the respondents does not oppose the aforesaid contention that the issue involved in this writ application has been decided in L.P.A. No. 442 of 2006 and further sustained/upheld by the Hon'ble Apex Court.

7. Having regard to the above, the instant writ application stands allowed relying upon the finding of L.P.A. No. 442 of 2006 which was upheld by the Hon'ble Apex Court vide Annexure-10 and therefore, the concerned respondents are directed to verify the records of the case and extend the entire benefits, what was given to the respective legal heirs of the erstwhile employee vide Annexure-11. After verification of record the concerned respondent shall issue a Form-I order with regard to benefits and

extend the same. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

8. Accordingly, this application stands allowed.

9. The pending I.A., if any, stands disposed of.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

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