IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (S) No. 7319 of 2026

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1. Amarnath Jha, aged about-67 years, Son of Late Mahesh Jha, Resident of-Ward no. 06, Harri, P.O. and P.S.-Harri, District-Madhubani, Bihar-847404.
2. Tuni Singh, aged about-67 years, Son of Dasai Singh, Resident of Harmu Vidya Nagar Road No. 03, Opp. Hanuman Mandir, Vidya Nagar, P.O. and P.S. Doranda, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834002.
3. Ravindra Kumar Singh, aged about-69 years, Son of Narsingh Dayal Singh, Resident of-Deoria, Hazaribag, P.O. Hazaribag, P.S.-Sadar, District-Hazaribag, Jharkhand-825402.
4. Indra Deo Pal, aged about-69 years, Son of Late Aliyar Ram, Resident of-Gaytri Mandir Road near EX-MLA Mohan Singh, Vill-Sudana P.O. and P.S.-Medaninagar, Daltonganj, Dist: Palamu, Jharkhand-822102
5. Jitnarayan Ram, aged about-69 years, Son of Late Mahabir Ram, Resident of-Vill-Meral, P.O.- Sikki Kala, P.S.-Patan, District-Palamu, Jharkhand-822123.
6. Lakshman Prasad, aged about-67 years, Son of Bajnath Mahato, Resident of-Laukariya, P.O. and P.S.-Laukariya, Narainapur, District-West Champaran, Naraipur, Bihar-845105.
7. Madhusudan Hota, aged about-66 years, Son of Baijnath Hota, Resident of-C/O: Saroj Kumar Mishra, 84, Chaibasa Toli Upper Hatia Near St. Lowerence School, Ranchi, Hatiya, P.O. Hatia, P.S. Jagarnathpur, Dist-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834003.
8. Vishun Ram, aged about-62 years, Son of Shuhan Ram, Resident of-Behind Om Nursing Home Hospital, Argora Chowk, Vishnu Sahu Colony, Argora, P.O. and P.S.-Argora, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834002.
9. Ganesh Ram, aged about-60 years, Son of Ram Rekha Ram, Resident of Vill Koshi, P.O. and P.S. Husainabad, Japla Kamgarpur, District-Palamu, Jharkhand-822116
10. Deshraj Prasad, aged about-69 years, Son of Ganauri Prasad, Resident of Sri Ram Nagar, Harmu, Argoda, By Pass Road, P.O. and P.S. Doranda, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834002.
11. Shyam Kiran Das, aged about-69 years, Son of Late Moti Lal Das, Resident of-House No. E.W.S-57, Near Airtel Tower Harmu Housing Colony, P.O. and P.S. Harmu, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834002.
12. Nagendra Tiwari, aged about-67 years, Son of Prameshwar Tiwari, Resident of Ranki Kalan, P.O. and P.S.-Ranki Kala, District-Latehar, Jharkhand-822126.
13. Syed Nazeer Hussain, aged about-69 years, Son of Syed Wajahat Hussain, Resident of-Tiwari Tank Road, Qudratullah Lane, P.O. and P.S.-Hindpiri, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834001.
14. Shivdayal Ram, aged about-66 years, Son of Late Jagdish Ram, Resident of Shivkala Niwas, Kali nagar, Near Science City, Namkum, P.O. and P.S.-Namkum, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-

834010.

15. Laxmi Parasad, aged about-72 years, Son of Sharda Prasad, Resident of-Flat no. 302, Topaz Block, Silver Estate Apartment, Near Shiv Mandir, Latma Bazar, Latma, Hatiya, P.O. and P.S.-Hatia, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand-834003.
16. Madan Mohan Singh, aged about-72 years, Son of Bharat Singh, Resident cf-Harnatand, Ward no. 06, P.O. and P.S. Harnatanr, West Champaran, Bihar-845105.
17. Mohan Rauth, aged about-66 years, Son of Kanchan Rauth, Resident of Belbanawa P.O.-Yogapatti P.S.-Yogapatti, Belibanwa, District-West Champaran Bihar-845452.
18. Bijendra Prasad Srivastwa, aged about-68 years, Son of Lalisharan Prasad, Resident of-Ward 07, Ramparsauna, Parsauna, P.O. and P.S.: Ramparsauna, District-West Champaran, Bihar-845453.
19. Sachchida Nand Tiwari, aged about-71 years, Son of Banaras Tiwari, Resident of-Ward 02, Vill- Khura Post- Ranka Raj PS-Ranka, District-Garhwa, Jharkhand- 822125.
20. Moti Shukla, aged about-69 years, Son of Late Vindhyachal Shukla, Resident of Vill-Baikunthwa, Post- Khadda, P.O. and P.S. Bailunthwa, District West Bihar-845438. Champaran,
21. Bernard Tirkey, aged about-73 years, Son of Soma Tirkey, Resident of New A.G Co- Prative Colony, Road no. 1 C Basant Vihar, P.O. and P.S. Doranda, District-Ranchi Jharkhand-834002.
22. Awadh Bihari Ram, aged about-71 years, Son of Ram Narayan Ram, Resident of Shree Rampur, Lesliganj, P.O. and P.S. Lesliganj, District-Palamu, Jharkhand-822118.
23. Chandrika Patwari, aged about-69 years, Son of Prameshwar Patwari, Resident of-Vill- Bairiakala, Harnatanr, P.O. and P.S. Harnatar, District-West Champaran, Bihar-845105.
24. Bishnudeo Singh, aged about-71 years, Son of Gupteshwar Singh, Resident of Ward No. 09 Dipuwa Muhallah Bar Gachh Garhwa, Post Garhwa P.S.-Garhwa, Dist-Garhwa, Jharkhand-822114.
25. Somaru Ram, Son Of Ganouri Ram, Aged About 73 Years, Resident Of - Ward No. 07, Vill - Karkoma, Post - Hasandag, P.s. - Meral, Karkoma, Hasandag,, District: Garhwa, State: Jharkhand
26. Ramji Singh, Son Of Sudama Singh, Aged About 67 Years, Resident Of - Vill - Jalalpur- Khurd, P.o. And P.s. - Bishunpura,, District: Gopalganj, State: Bihar
27. Md. Israfil, Son Of Md. Nawajan, Aged About 71 Years, Resident Of - Vill - Betla Nesral Park, P.s. - Barwadih Betla, P.o. - Betla National Park,, District: Latehar, State: Jharkhand
28. Manoranjan Sinha, Son Of Ram Surup Sinha, Aged About 69 Years, Resident Of - Gram-Aifni, P.O. & P.S.-Sheikhpura, District: Sheikhpura, State: Bihar
29. Arjun Prasad, Son Of Kuldeep Lal, Aged About 78 Years, Resident Of - Mohalla - Ashok Vihar Colony, Post - Chand Chaura, P.s. - Vishnupath,, District: Gaya, State: Bihar

30. Ram Prasad Oraon, Son Of Somar Uranv, Aged About 72 Years, Resident Of - Vill - Kataha, West Champaran, P.o. And P.s. - Semra,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
31. Dineshwar Pandey, Son Of Nand Kishor Pandey, Aged About 73 Years, Resident Of - Ramnagar, Behind P.w.d. , P.o. And P.s. - Jhumri Telaiya,, District: Koderma, State: Jharkhand
32. Vishunadeo Prasad, Son Of Gurera Mahto, Aged About 67 Years, Resident Of - Vill - Nurangiatola Gardi, Post - Nurangia, Naurangia, Nauragia Done, P.s. - West Champaran,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
33. Purnmasi Mahto, Son Of Late Bimal Mahto, Aged About 68 Years, Resident Of - Vill - Phchimi Champaran Bihar, P.o. And P.s. - Lokariya, Harnatanr,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
34. Mangal Bhagat, Son Of Vikram Bhagat, Aged About 67 Years, Resident Of - Village - Chandrahiya, Post - Jivdhara, P.s. - Mufassil Motihari, District - Motihari East Champaran,, State: Bihar
35. Shiwdhar Thakur, Son Of Vishwanath Thakur, Aged About 71 Years, Resident Of - Near Garhwa Thana, Muhallah - Dipuwa, P.o. And P.s. - Garhwa,, District: Garhwa, State: Jharkhand
36. Rama Kant Prasasd, Son Of Ramdhani, Aged About 71 Years, Resident Of Gauri Shriram Tola Madhopur, Gauri Shri Ram, P.o. And P.s. - Kushinagar,, District: Kushinagar *, State: Uttar Pradesh
37. Daroga Thakur, Son Of Amar Thakur, Aged About 69 Years, Resident Of Near Fr Agnel School, New Mahabir Nagar, P.o. - Doranda,, Police Station: Doranda, District: Ranchi, State: Jharkhand
38. Gulab Chand Lal, Son Of Late Jadu Lal Srivastaw, Aged About 69 Years, Resident Of - Vill - Khunti Toli Torpa Road, P.O. & P.S. Khunti,, District: Khunti, State: Jharkhand
39. Pramod Ram, Son Of Late Ram Chandar Ram, Aged About 69 Years, Resident Of - Vill - Dipwa, P.O.- Garhwa, P.S. - Garhwa, District: Garhwa, State: Jharkhand
40. Murari Prasad, Son Of Chandu Ram, Aged About 66 Years, Resident Of - Ward 7, Godrama Kala, Godarma Kalan, P.o. And P.s. - Palamu,, District: Palamu, State: Jharkhand
41. Suresh Mishra, Son Of Prabodh Mishra, Aged About 67 Years, Resident Of Lakhnaur, Ward No. - 05, P.o. And P.s. - Lakhnaur,, District: Madhubani, State: Bihar
42. Harendra Singh, Son Of Ayodhya Singh, Aged About 66 Years, Resident Of - Harinagar, P.o. And P.s. - Harinagar,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
43. Rama Pati Mahto, Son Of Lakshmi Mahto, Aged About 74 Years, Resident Of Belhawa, Sidhaw, P.o. And P.s. - West Champaran,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
44. Birbal Prasad, Son Of Brijavilash Prasad, Aged About 69 Years, Resident Of Vill - Bherihari, P.o. And P.s. - Soharia,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
45. Ram Swarup Prasad, Son Of Late Kuldeep Lal, Aged About 73

Years, Resident Of - J-35 Gali No. 03, Vastu Bihar Hardag, P.o. And P.s. - Hurdag,, District: Ranchi, State: Jharkhand

46. Surendra Pandey @ Surendra Kumar Pandey, Son Of Fuldev Pandey, Aged About 73 Years, Resident Of - Ratu Road, Hehal, P.o. - Sukhdeo Nagar,, Police Station: Sukhdeo Nagar, District: Ranchi, State: Jharkhand
47. Brindawan Tiwari, Son Of Sidheswar Tiwari, Aged About 67 Years, Resident Of Near Ranjan Singh Farm, House Edalhatu, P.o. - Morabadi,, Police Station: Morahbaadi, District: Ranchi, State: Jharkhand
48. Priyawarat Narayan Pathak, Son Of Akshaywat Nath Pathak, Aged About 69 Years, Resident Of - Shanti Muhhla, Village And P.o. - Shahpur, Police Station: Chainpur, District: Palamu, State: Jharkhand
49. Nashib Lal Thakur, Son Of Yogi Thakur Gandhi, Aged About 68 Years, Resident Of - School Road, Ward No. 23 Jhumri Tilaiya, P.o. - Koderma, P.s. - Sadar,, District: Koderma, State: Jharkhand
50. Mishri Lal Sah, Son Of Nathuni Sah, Aged About 69 Years, Resident Of - Ward No. - 32, Near Shiv Mandir Piuni Bagh Baswariya, P.o. And P.s. - Bettiah,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
51. Liladhar Kazi, Son Of Lal Chand Kazi, Aged About 66 Years, Resident Of - 100, School Road Matiaria, P.o. And P.s. - West Champaran,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
52. Anil Kumar Choubey, Son Of Late Premnath Chaubey, Aged About 68 Years, Resident Of - Ward 9, Vill - Saleya P.O.-Ranka Raj, Khardiha,, P.S.:Kardiha, District: Garhwa, State: Jharkhand
53. Priya Pravas Singh, Son Of Nageshwar Singh, Aged About 69 Years, Resident Of - House No. 52, Ward No. 24, Profecer Colony, Nilkanthpur, P.o. - Deoghar,, Police Station: Deoghar, District: Deoghar, State: Jharkhand
54. Jawahar Lal Bhagat, Son Of Mangan Prasad Bhagat, Aged About 70 Years, Resident Of - Tara Nagar Nagradipa Road No. - 1, Near Chaputoli, Pipratoli, P.o. And P.s. - Argora, Pundag,, District: Ranchi, State: Jharkhand
55. Bhola Prasad Kushawaha, Son Of Mahesh Prasad, Aged About 73 Years, Resident Of - Khadda Kunjalahi, Ward No. 09, Khadda Kunjalahi, Tola Khadda, P.o. And P.s. - West Champaran,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
56. Deo Narayan Pathak, Son Of Damodar Pathak, Aged About 74 Years, Resident Of - 90, Vikash Nagar, Hesal Piska More, Ratu Road, Behind Staff Bank Colony, P.o. - Hehal Ranchi,, Police Station: Hehal, District: Ranchi, State: Jharkhand
57. Kripal Ram, Son Of Rambrikch Manjhi, Aged About 67 Years, Resident Of - Vill - Baraiyatu Khalsa Bariatu Nisf @ Bariatu Khalsa, P.o. - Latehar,, Police Station: Latehar, District: Latehar, State: Jharkhand
58. Shankar Ram Mochi, Son Of Late Bachu Ram, Aged About 71 Years, Resident Of - Village , P.o. - Karso, P.s. - Chainpur,,

District: Latehar, State: Jharkhand

59. Mahendra Prasad Singh, Son Of Badri Nath Singh, Aged About 73 Years, Resident Of - Vill And P.o. - Kataiya,, Police Station: Deo, District: Aurangabad, State: Bihar
60. Abhay Kumar Mishra, Son Of Late Ganesh Dutt Mishra, Aged About 67 Years, Resident Of Vill - Pajiarwa, P.O. - Pajiarwa, Paaurra Tola, Mathiya, P.S. and Dist.- East Champaran, State: Jharkhand
61. Rajeshwar Ojha, Son Of Jankdeo Ojha, Aged About 70 Years, Resident Of - Izra, Vill - Izra, Post - Izra, P.s. - Jalaha,, District: Purba Champaran, State: Bihar
62. Shailendra Kumar Dubey, Son Of Jata Shankar Dubey, Aged About 73 Years, Resident Of Shikshak Nagar, Baswariya, Ward 31, P.o. And P.s. - Bettiah,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
63. Dhananjay Prakash Verma, Son Of Late Ramchandra Prasad Verma, Aged About 67 Years, Resident Of - 297/c Ashirwad, Road No. 1, Ashok Nagar, P.o. - Doranda,, Police Station: Doranda, District: Ranchi, State: Jharkhand
64. Ram Kishor Thakur, Son Of Dhanushdhari Thakur, Aged About 77 Years, Resident Of - Satpipra, Bhumihari Tola, P.o. - Ramgarhwa,, Police Station: Ram Garhwa, District: Purba Champaran, State: Bihar
65. Bindhyachal Sah, Son Of Ganga Sah, Aged About 67 Years, Resident Of - Ward No. - 11, Naurangiya, P.o. And P.S.- Naurangiya,, District: Pashchim Champaran, State: Bihar
66. Yamuna Prasad, Son Of Late Kapildeo Prasad, Aged About 66 Years, R/o Janakpuri, P.o. , P.s. And District - Daltonganj, State: Bihar. ....**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) : Mrs. Sunita Kumari, A.C. to Sr.S.C.-II

02/Dated: 16.09.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The instant writ application was preferred by the

petitioners for enhancing the age of superannuation of the respective petitioners from 58 to 60 years as the concerned respondent had already accepted the letter dated 26.10.2004 and in terms of their own MOU wherein at Clause 57 (d)(v), they stated that till they will make their own rules and regulations, the Rules and Regulations of the State Government will be followed.

3. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioners that the issue has been decided in favour of the similarly situated persons by the Division Bench in *L.P.A No.442 of 2006* (Annexure-11) and subsequently, the same has also been confirmed by the Hon'ble Apex Court vide its order dated 12.02.2026 in *Civil Appeal No.3384 of 2012* (Annexure-12). Learned counsel submits that in those cases, even the legal heirs got the consequential monetary benefit vide Letter No.778 dated 05.06.2026 (Annexure-13); accordingly, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the similar benefit may be extended to these petitioners.

4. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case when the issue involved in this case has already been settled by the Division Bench and upheld by the Hon'ble Apex Court and also the consequential action has been taken by the concerned Corporation, interest of justice would be sufficed by disposing of this application and directing the concerned respondent i.e., respondent No.4 to give same and similar benefit, what has been given to other similarly situated person, the details of which has been annexed as Annexures-11, 12 and 13 of this

writ application.

5. Ordered accordingly.

6. The consequential benefits shall be paid within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

7. As a result, the instant writ petition is allowed. Pending I.A., if any, also stands closed.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

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