IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 7568 of 2026

Ashok Kumar Jagnania, S/o Sri Kashi Prasad Jagnania, R/o Ram Nagar Colony, Main Road, Chas, PO & PS-Chas, District-Bokaro

... … Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Rajbhasha, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
3. The Deputy Commissioner, Bokaro
4. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Chas, Bokaro
5. The Circle Officer, Chas, Bokaro
6. Amod Kumar Singh, S/o Late Uday Singh, R/o Gujarat Colony, Chas, PO & PS-Chas, District-Bokaro
7. State Level Caste Scrutiny Committee, Jharkhand, through its Secretary-cum-Chairperson, Department of Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority & Backward Class Welfare, Government of Jharkhand, At-Project Building, PO & PS-Dhurwa, Ranchi

… … Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. Abhijeet Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Apoorva Singh, AC to SC (Mines)-II

Order No. 03 **Dated: 30.09.2026**

1. In course of argument, learned counsel for the petitioner prays for and is allowed to implead "State Level Caste Scrutiny Committee, Jharkhand, through its Secretary-cum-Chairperson, Department of Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority & Backward Class Welfare, Government of Jharkhand, At-Project Building, PO & PS-Dhurwa, Ranchi" as respondent no. 7 in the present writ petition.

2. Let necessary insertion in the cause title of the writ petition be made by learned counsel for the petitioner in course of the day.

3. The present writ petition has been filed for calling upon the concerned respondents to show cause as to how the caste certificate dated 29.01.2026 of "BC-II" has been issued in favour of the respondent no. 6 as he belongs to "Awadhiya Kurmi (Chhatri)" caste and the same is also evident from the sale deed

no. 1596 dated 28.01.1971 in which his caste has been shown as "Awadhiya Kurmi (Chhatri)" with further prayer to make proper verification of the documents with respect to caste of the respondent no. 6 and to cancel the same with immediate effect.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering that the petitioner has challenged the caste certificate of "BC-II" issued to the respondent no. 6, this Court is of the view that the said issue is required to be considered by the respondent no. 7 - State Level Caste Scrutiny Committee, Jharkhand, through its Secretary-cum-Chairperson, Department of Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority & Backward Class Welfare, Government of Jharkhand at the first instance.

5. Accordingly, the petitioner is given liberty to file an application before the respondent no. 7 seeking challenge to issuance of the caste certificate of "BC-II" to the respondent no. 6. On receipt of the said application, the respondent no. 7, after providing an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner as well as the respondent no. 6 and on making due inquiry, shall take an appropriate informed decision in this regard, preferably within three months from the date of filing of the said application.

6. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of with aforesaid liberty and direction.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

September 30, 2026
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