IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.8080 of 2026

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1. Raj Kumar Karmali, son of Late Prayag Karmali, resident of village Charhi, Shyam Patti, P.O. & P.S. Charhi, District Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.
2. Gopal Karmali, son of Late Prayag Karmali, resident of village Charhi, Shyam Patti, P.O. & P.S. Charhi, District Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.

..... Petitioners.

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Central Coalfields Limited, through its Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Darbhanga House, Ranchi.
3. The General Manager (Land & Revenue), Central Coalfields Limited, Darbhanga House, Ranchi.
4. The General Manager, Central Coalfields Limited, Hazaribagh Area, Hazaribagh.
5. The Project Officer, Jharkhand Laiyo OCP, Ramgarh Area, Central Coalfields Limited, Kedla, Ramgarh.
6. The Circle Officer, Mandu, District Ramgarh.

..... Respondents.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioners : Ms. Suman Roy, Advocate
For the State : Piyush Anand, AC to SC-VI
For the CCL : Mr. Shivam Utkarsh Sahay, Advocate

Order No.02 **Date: 27.10.2026**

1. Limited prayer made by the petitioners in the present writ petition is for issuance of direction upon the respondent no.6 to make proper enquiry and submit enquiry report to the respondent- CCL so as to further process the petitioners' claim for employment in lieu of acquisition of different lands under Khata no.3 of Mouja Laiyo.

2. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and on perusal of the letter dated 10th March, 2022 (part of Annexure-5) issued by the Project Officer, Jharkhand Opencast Project, Central Coalfields Limited, Ramgarh, it appears that the petitioner no.1 and one Suresh Mahto made applications seeking employment

in lieu of acquisition of their land under Khata no.3. They also submitted their genealogy and other related documents in support of their claim over the said land. The Project Officer, Jharkhand Opencast Project, Central Coalfields Limited, Ramgarh has thereafter requested the respondent no.6 to make an enquiry regarding title of the land and to send the enquiry report so as to further process their claim.

3. The grievance of the petitioners is that the respondent no.6 has not yet responded to the letter dated 10th March, 2022 issued by the Project Officer, Jharkhand Opencast Project, Central Coalfields Limited, Ramgarh.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent nos.1 and 6 submits that the respondent no.6 will do the needful as per the request made vide letter dated 10th March, 2022 within specified period.

5. Considering the said submission made on behalf of the respondent nos.1 and 6, the respondent no.6 is directed to make proper enquiry as per the request made vide letter dated 10th March, 2022 and to send the enquiry report to the said officer of the CCL within two months from today so as to take further steps in this regard.

6. The writ petition is disposed of with the aforesaid direction.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

27th October, 2026
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