IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.7567 of 2026

Manish Kumar Tayal, son of Shri Subhash Chandra Tayal, resident of Bangal Para, P.O. & P.S. NHirsa, District Dhanbad.

..... Petitioner.

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand through the Chief Secretary, Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms, Government of Jharkhand, Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad.
4. The Additional Collector, Dhanbad.
5. The Deputy Collector Land Reforms, Dhanbad.
6. The Circle Officer, Nirsa, District Dhanbad.

..... Respondents.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. Anuj Kr. Trivedi, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Aditya Raman, AC to GA-III

Order No.05 **Date: 04.11.2026**

1. The present writ petition has been filed for issuance of direction upon the respondent authorities to remove the land appertaining to Khata no.209/122, plot no.541/665, Mouja Sambandhpur, Anchal Nirsa, District Dhanbad, measuring an area of 44 decimals from the prohibited list of lands being maintained in National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS).

2. The writ petition was earlier taken up on 30th September, 2026 and on the said date, following order was passed:-

> *"1. Mr. Manoj Kumar, learned GA-III appearing on behalf of the respondents, prays for and is allowed three weeks' time to seek instruction and file counter affidavit. The respondents, in the said counter affidavit, shall explain as to under which provision of law, they are keeping the land in the prohibited list despite the fact that the learned Division Bench of this Court vide judgment dated 01.05.2025 passed in W.P.(C) No. 5088*

> *of 2018 [Chotanagpur Diocesan Trust Association (CNDTA), Ranchi & Anr. Vs. State of Jharkhand, through Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi & Ors.] and connected matters, has already struck down Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908, as amended vide the Bihar Amendment 6 of 1991.*
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> *2. Put up this case under the heading "For Admission" on 26.10.2026 at 2.15 p.m."*

3. The case was thereafter taken up on 26th October, 2026 and by the said date no counter affidavit was filed on behalf of the respondents. Under the said circumstance, the respondent no.3 was directed to remain physically present before this Court on the next date fixed i.e. today.

4. The respondent no.3, has, however, filed an interlocutory application being I.A. No.15911 of 2026 on 3rd November, 2026 seeking exemption of his personal appearance, as ordered by this Court.

5. A counter affidavit has also been filed on behalf of the respondent nos.3 to 6 on 3rd November, 2026, paragraph no.6 of which reads as under:-

> *"6. That it is humbly stated and submitted that, the relief sought by the petitioner in the instant writ petition has become infructuous in view of the fact that the property in question of the petitioner has already been released from the prohibited list maintained in the NGDRS List of the State Government, as evident from Memo No.286 dated 02.11.2026. It is, however, submitted that the aforesaid removal has been made subject to the outcome of S.L.P. (C) No.41797/2025, preferred against the order dated 01.05.2025 passed by the Division Bench of this Hon'ble Court in W.P. (C) No.5088/2018, Chotanagpur Diocesan Trust Association (CNDTA), Ranchi & Anr. v. State of Jharkhand & Ors."*

6. Learned counsel for the State has also produces a copy of prohibited exemption list which contains the details of the land in question. A copy of the said list has also been handed over to the counsel for the petitioner.

7. Considering the aforesaid stand taken by the respondents in their counter affidavit, there is no need to further proceed in the matter.

8. The writ petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

9. Let a copy of the prohibited exemption list be taken on record.

10. Pending I.A., if any, is also disposed of.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

4th November, 2026
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