IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (S) No. 7381 of 2026

Pradeep Kumar, aged about 61 years, S/o Chaturgun Mahto, Resident of B.ED Road, Purana Suk Bazar, Aareya, P.O.-Churhu, P.S.-Kisko, Dist-Lohardaga ....**Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand, Project Building, Dhurwa, P.O. & P.S.-Dhurwa, District-Ranchi.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand, Van Bhawan, Ranchi, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, Dist-Ranchi.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forest (Non-Gazetted) Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand, Van Bhawan, Ranchi, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, Dist-Ranchi.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Lohardaga, P.O., P.S. & Dist-Lohardaga.

....**Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioner(s) : M/s. Micky Kumari, Advocate
For the Respondent(s) : M/s. Jayant Franklin Toppo, GA-V

02/Dated: 17.09.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

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

> " *I. A writ in the nature of Mandamus commanding upon the respondents to regularise the service of the petitioner in view of the recommendation contained in Letter No.-3171 dated 13/12/2013 (Annexure-5) duly issued by the Respondent No.-5 on the sanctioned post of Jeep driver also taking into consideration that the petitioner has been continuously working since 01/04/1996 and is still working.*
> *II. A writ in the nature of Mandamus commanding upon the respondents to pass appropriate Order upon the pending Representation dated 05/02/2020 (Annexure-6) for Regularization of service of the petitioner.*
> *III. A writ in the nature of Mandamus commanding upon the respondents, upon regularization of the service of the petitioner pay all the consequential benefits.*
> *IV. A writ in the nature of Mandamus commanding upon the respondents not to remove the petitioner during the pendency of the instant Writ petition as petitioner has already crossed the age of 60 years i.e. age of superannuation considering the fact that the recommendation was made in the year 2013 but till date no decision has been taken by the concerned authorities for no fault*

on the part of the petitioner."

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the petitioner is fully entitled for the prayer made in the instant writ application; however, in spite of repeated representations the grievance of the petitioner has not been redressed.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents fairly submits that since no counter affidavit has been filed; as such the petitioner may be directed to approach the concerned respondent by filing a fresh representation, who shall look into the matter so that the grievance of the petitioner can be redressed.

5. Having regard to the aforesaid submissions and without going into the merits of the case, the instant writ application is hereby disposed of by directing the respondent No.4 to look into the grievance of the petitioner by treating this writ application as representation and take a decision in the matter in accordance with law and applicable rules and regulations and also in light of Annexure-5 which is annexed with this writ application by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order and communicate the same to the petitioner and if the order is passed in favour of the petitioner, consequential benefits shall be extended to the petitioner within a further period of two weeks. The petitioner shall serve a copy of this writ application along with the relevant documents to the concerned respondent for convenience.

6. It goes without saying that if the petitioner is working,

then he shall not be disengaged without the leave of the Court and he shall receive the regular remuneration, what he is getting today.

7. Pending I.A., if any, also stands closed.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

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