IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.7471 of 2026

Bhaskar Mahakud, son of Late Ram Chandra Mahakud, resident of village Kantamandi, P.O. and P.S. Majhgaon, District-West Singhbhum.

..... Petitioner.

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. The Secretary, Department of Land Revenue, Government of Jharkhand, Office at Project Building, P.O. and P.S. Dhurwa, District-Ranchi.
3. The Land Reforms Deputy Collector, West Singhbhum, P.O. and P.S. Chaibasa, District-West Singhbhum.
4. The Land Reforms Deputy Collector, Jagarnathpur, P.O. and P.S. Jagarnathpur, District-West Singhbhum.
5. The Circle Officer, Majhgaon, P.O. and P.S. Majhgaon, District West Sinbhbhum.
6. The Deputy Commissioner, West Singhbhum, Chaibasa.

..... Respondents.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. M.M. Sharma, Advocate
Mr. S.B. Gupta, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Vishal Kumar Rai, A.C. to G.A.IV

Order No.02 **Date: 23.09.2026**

1. The present writ petition has been filed for issuance of direction upon the concerned respondent to settle the waste land situated at Mouza-Sanparsa, Thana No.369, Khata No.3, Plot No.594 (Part), measuring an area of 15 decimals in favour of the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, while referring to the letter no.281 dated 23rd September, 2023 issued by the Circle Officer, Majhgaon to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Jagarnathpur, West Singhbhum, Chaibasa, submits that settlement of certain plots of land situated in Mouza-Sanparsa has been made in

favour of the few persons whose names have been mentioned in the said letter. It is further submitted that the petitioner represented the respondent-authorities seeking settlement of the land, however, the same remained un-responded which compelled him to prefer the present writ petition.

3. Mr. Vishal Kumar Rai, learned A.C. to G.A.-IV, appearing on behalf of the respondents, submits that the petitioner has not shown any law under which the settlement of the land in question can be made by the concerned authorities in his favour. He, however, submits that if the petitioner prefers a fresh representation on the present issue before the Deputy Commissioner, West Singhbhum, Chaibasa, an appropriate decision in accordance with law will be taken by the said authority within a stipulated time frame.

4. Considering the said submission of learned A.C. to G.A.-IV, learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to implead the Deputy Commissioner, West Singhbhum, Chaibasa as respondent no.6 in the present writ petition.

5. Necessary addition in cause title of the writ petition be made by the learned counsel for the petitioner in course of the day.

6. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and considering the nature of the prayer made in the present writ petition, without entering into the merit of the case, the petitioner is given liberty to prefer a fresh representation on the present issue before the respondent no.6. On receipt of the said representation, the respondent no.6 after providing

due opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and on verifying the relevant records, shall take an appropriate informed decision in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of filing of the said representation.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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