IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 7657 of 2026
(CNR No. JHHC01-032177-2026)

1. Sushila Balmuchu, D/o Amit Balmuchu
2. Abdul Shahid, S/o Abdul Waheed
3. Sakila Khatoon, W/o Late Mukhtar Hussain
4. Iznaul Haque Ansari, S/o Late Ayub Ansari
5. Lalita Balmuchu, D/o Daniel Balmuchu, W/o Rakibul Ansari
6. Md. Mokim, S/o Md. Momin
7. Dilshad Hussain, S/o Late Saiyed Hussain
   All are R/o Manjhgaon, PO & PS-Manjhgaon, District-West Singhbhum at Chaibasa ... ... Petitioners

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Principal Secretary, Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
3. The Deputy Commissioner, West Singhbhum, Chaibasa
4. The Land Acquisition Officer, West Singhbhum, Chaibasa
5. The Executive Engineer, Road Construction Department, Road Division, Chaibasa ... ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioners : Mr. Ashok Kumar Sinha, Advocate
Mr. Ashutosh Kumar Sinha, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Ritu Raj, AC to SC-VI

Order No. 04 **Dated: 23.11.2026**

1. The present writ petition has been filed for issuance of direction upon the concerned respondent to pay compensation to the petitioners for the acquisition of their lands/houses for the Tantnagar – Kathmari – Bharbharia – Kumardungi – Manjhgaon road project and the Hatgamhariya PWD Road to Baldiha – Bhonda via Manjhgaon Benisagar project in West Singhbhum district.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the lands/houses of the petitioners have been acquired for the purpose of the aforesaid project, the details of which have been given in praragrph-6 of the present writ petition. Despite acquisition the aforesaid lands/houses, the petitioners have not

been given compensation. The petitioners represented the respondent no. 4 – the Land Acquisition Officer, West Singhbhum, Chaibasa on 06.05.2026 and 20.05.2026 (Annexure-1 series to the writ petition) seeking compensation, however, the same remained unresponded, which compelled the petitioners to prefer the present writ petition.

3. Mr. Ritu Raj, AC to SC-VI appearing on behalf of the respondents, submits that if the petitioners prefer fresh separate representations seeking compensation for acquisition of their lands/houses before the respondent no. 4, an appropriate decision/step in accordance with law will be taken.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the nature of prayer made in the writ petition, without entering into the merit of the case, the petitioners are given liberty to prefer fresh separate representations on the present issue before the respondent no. 4. On receipt of the said representations, the respondent no. 4, after providing an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners/their representatives and on verifying the relevant records, shall take appropriate decision/step in this regard within three months from the date of filing of the representations.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

November 23, 2026
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