IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 7591 of 2026

Ramdeo Prasad Singh, aged about 77 years, son of Late Baiju Prasad Yadav, resident of Ward No.14, Addi Bangla, P.O. Jhumri Tilya, P.S. Tilya, District Koderma, Jharkhand. ... ... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Hazaribag, P.O. and P.S. Hazaribag, District Hazaribag, Jharkhand.
3. The District Mining Officer, Hazaribag, P.O. and P.S. Hazaribag, District Hazaribag, Jharkhand. … … ... Respondents

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CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ PRASAD

For the Petitioner : Mr. Kanti Kumar Ojha, Advocate
Mr. Sahja Nand Saraswati, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Arun Kumar Dubey, A.C to GP-III

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02 / Dated: 24.09.2026

1. Heard Mr Kanti Kumar Ojha, who appears for the petitioner, with Mr Sahja Nand Saraswati, and Mr Arun Kumar Dubey, A.C., for G.P.-III, for the respondents.

2. The petitioner seeks an appropriate writ to direct the second respondent to dispose of the matter concerning the grant of a mining lease in terms of the Mines Commissioner's order dated 29.01.2026 in Revision Case No.01 of 2025.

3. The Mines Commissioner, Ranchi, in Revision Case No.01 of 2025, had set aside the deemed rejection of the petitioner's application for mining lease and had passed the following operational order:

> *"Accordingly, the deemed rejection passed upon the applications of the petitioner dated 06.11.2023 and 05.03.2024, as embodied in Letter No.1271 dated 28.10.2024 is hereby set aside. The Revision Application filed by the petitioner is*

remanded to the Deputy Commissioner, Hazaribagh, with a direction to take further necessary action in accordance with the reports submitted by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Barhi, contained in Letter No.185 dated 03.05.2025, in light of the provisions of the Jharkhand Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2004.

Inform the parties"

4. However, the Mines Commissioner did not fix any timeline. Still, it was expected that the demand order would be complied with within a reasonable period. Since the same has not been complied with within the due date, the petitioner has sought an appropriate writ to direct the second respondent to dispose of his application for grant of mining lease, in terms of the above demand order made by the Mines Commissioner.

5. Mr Dubey, learned A.C. to G.P.-III, on instruction, submits that the second respondent will dispose of the petitioner's application in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible and, in any event, within six weeks from today.

6. We accept the above statement and direct the second respondent to dispose of the petitioner's application for a mining lease in pursuance of the above demand order as expeditiously as possible and, in any event, within six weeks from today. The disposal must be in accordance with law and on merits.

7. In the peculiar facts of the present case, the second respondent must hear the petitioner before any order disposing of the petitioner's application seeking mining lease. The petitioner must cooperate and should not seek any adjournments. If the petitioner is unable to

personally attend the hearing, the petitioner may file written submission within 15 days from today.

8. This petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs.

(M. S. Sonak, C.J.)

(Manoj Prasad, J.)

September 24, 2026
BS/Madhav/-
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