IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P. (S) No. 7382 of 2026

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1. Shatrughan Giri, aged about 71 years, S/o-Late Jagdeo Giri, R/o-MADA Colony, Quarter No. C/26, P.O. & P.S. Hirapur, District Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
2. Durga Hansda, aged about 68 years, S/o-Barku Hansda, R/o-Near Durga Mandir, Teli Para, P.O. & P.S. Hirapur, District Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
3. Kalipada Mandal @ Kali Pado Mandal, aged about 72 years, S/o-Late Hari Mandal, R/o-Vill. Koriyatand, P.O. Kalyanpur, P.S. Barwadda, VTC Koriyatand, District Dhanbad, Jharkhand.

....**Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. Jharkhand Mineral Area Development Authority through the Managing Director, Jharkhand Mineral Area Development Authority, LC Road, P.O. & P.S. Dhanbad, District Dhanbad, Jharkhand, 826001.
2. The Managing Director, Jharkhand Mineral Area Development Authority, LC Road, P.O. & P.S. Dhanbad, District Dhanbad, Jharkhand, 826001.
3. The Secretary, Jharkhand Mineral Area Development Authority, LC Road, PO & PS Dhanbad, District Dhanbad, Jharkhand, 826001.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Subhneet Jha, Advocate
For the Respondent(s) : Mr. Sushavan Bhowmik, Advocate

02/Dated: 17.09.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

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

> " (A) *For issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order, direction upon the respondents to make payment of interest on the Provident Fund amount to the Petitioners at the rate provided under the Contributory Provident Fund Rules (India), 1962 that is applicable to the employees of Jharkhand Mineral Area Development Authority, Dhanbad.*"

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that though the petitioners are fully entitled for the prayer made in the instant writ application; however, in spite of repeated representations the grievance of the petitioners have not been

redressed.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents fairly submits that since no counter affidavit has been filed; as such the petitioners may be directed to approach the concerned respondent by filing a fresh representation(s), who shall look into the matter so that the grievance of the petitioners 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.2 to look into the grievance of the petitioners by treating this writ application as representation(s) and take a decision in the matter in accordance with law and applicable rules and regulations and also Annexure-6 which is appended to this writ application by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a period of ten weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order and communicate the same to the petitioners and if the order is passed in favour of the petitioners, consequential benefits shall be extended to the petitioners within a further period of two weeks. The petitioners shall serve a copy of this writ application along with the relevant documents to the concerned respondent for convenience.

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

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

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