IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 7566 of 2026

Shiv Narayan Prasad Sahu, S/o Late Govind Sahu, R/o Village-Ara, Chamatu, PO & PS-Balumath, District-Latehar

... … Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand, through its Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Latehar
3. The Circle Officer, Balumath, Latehar… … Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. A.K. Sahani, Advocate
Mr. Ajit Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Rahul Saboo, GP-II

Order No. 03 **Dated: 30.09.2026**

1. Mr. A.K. Sahani, learned counsel for the petitioner, in course of argument, submits that though prayer has been made in the writ petition for issuance of direction upon the concerned respondent i.e., the respondent no. 3 – the Circle Officer, Balumath, Latehar to upload the details of the lands appertaining to Khata No. 11, Plot No. 1188 measuring an area of 16 decimals, Khata No. 3, Plot No. 1545 measuring an area of 56 decimals, Khata No. 108, Plot No. 37 measuring an area of 26 decimals as well as Khata Nos. 175 & 105, Plot Nos. 33, 35, 42, 1165, 1167, 1169, 1395, 1495, 1772, 1358/2037, 1749 and 1170, 1171, 1358 measuring an area of 34, 54, 18, 06, 12, 13, 16, 47, 92, 08, 56, and 17, 30, 07 decimals respectively of Village-Ara, Anchal-Balumath, District-Latehar on the online portal in view of the order passed by the Revenue Officer, Palamau in Revenue Case No. 3446/1990 dated 21.01.2017 as well as the orders passed by the Revenue Officer, Latehar (earlier Palamau) in Revenue Case Nos. 3433/1990 dated 14.11.2017, 3543/1990 dated 16.11.2017 and 3692/1990,

3526/1990 dated 16.11.2017 and to issue rent receipts, however, he admits that since pursuant to the orders passed by the Revenue Officer in the aforesaid Revenue Cases, the petitioner is required to first make applications before the respondent no. 3 seeking suitable entry in the revenue records. He thus submits that the petitioner may be given liberty to prefer separate applications seeking mutation of the aforesaid lands in the revenue records i.e., Register-II.

2. Mr. Rahul Saboo, learned GP-II appearing on behalf of the respondents, submits that if the petitioner makes such applications, the competent authority i.e., the respondent no. 3 shall take an appropriate decision in accordance with law.

3. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is given liberty to prefer separate applications seeking mutation of the lands in question in the revenue records before the respondent no. 3. On receipt of the said applications, the respondent no. 3, after verifying the relevant records and on providing an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and other concerned persons, if so needed, shall take appropriate informed decision in accordance with law within three months from the date of filing of the applications.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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