2026:JHHC:32394

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (C) No. 8213 of 2026

1. Lakhan Mahto, son of Late Degan Mahto
2. Basanti Devi, wife of Lakhan Mahto
3. Panenath Kumar Mahto, son of Late Degan Mahto
4. Santosh Kumar Mahto, son of Late Degan Mahto

All are residents of Village- Kichto, P.O.- Bahera, P.S.- Piparwar, District- Chatra … … Petitioners

Versus

1. Central Coalfields Limited through its Chairman-cum-Managing Director, having its office at Darbhanga House, Ranchi
2. The Director, Personnel, Central Coalfields Limited, having its office at Darbhanga House, Ranchi
3. The General Manager (L&R), Central Coalfields Limited having its office at Darbhanga House, Ranchi
4. The General Manager, Piparwar Area, Central Coalfields Limited, having its office at P.O., P.S. & District- Chatra
5. The Estate manager, Piparwar Area, Central Coalfields Limited, having its office at P.O., P.S. & District- Chatra
6. The Project Officer, North Karanpura Coalfields, having its office at P.O., P.S. & District- Chatra
7. The State of Jharkhand through the Deputy Commissioner, Chatra
8. The Additional Collector, Chatra
9. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Simaria, District- Chatra
10. The Circle Officer, Tandwa, District- Chatra

…. … Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioners : Ms.Aanya, Advocate
For the Respondents-CCL : Mr. Kumar Harsh, Advocate
Mr. Harsh Vardhan, Advocate
For the Respondent-State : Mr. Abhilash Kumar, A.C. to G.P.-II

Order No. 04 **Dated: 04.11.2026**

1. The present writ petition has been filed for issuance of direction upon the concerned respondents to forthwith take steps for payment of adequate and lawful compensation to the petitioners for the land appertaining to Khata No. 39, plot no. 02, Mouza-Kichto, Circle-Tandwa, District-Chatra measuring an area of 8.15 acres which has been acquired under the provisions of Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957. Further

prayer has been made to provide employment to the petitioners/their wards/legal heirs as per existing rehabilitation policy in lieu of the said acquisition.

2. Mr. Harsh Vardhan, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), submits that the aforesaid claim of the petitioners is required to be examined by the competent authority. Hence, if the petitioners prefer a fresh representation on the present issue before the General Manager (L&R), CCL, Ranchi (the respondent no. 3), an appropriate decision in accordance with law will be taken.

3. 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 a fresh representation on the present issue before the respondent no. 3. On receipt of the said representation, the respondent no. 3, after providing an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners/their representatives and on examining the relevant records, shall take an appropriate informed decision in accordance with law within three months from the date of filing of the said representation.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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