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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 3105 of 2026

Shivji Prasad Gupta @ Shiv Kumar Prasad, S/o Late Saryu Prasad Gupta, Proprietor of Long Life Drycleaner & Hair Cutting Salon, Geeta Bhawan, Thana Road, Daltonganj, P.O. & P.S.-Daltonganj, Dist.-Palamau, Jharkhand

.... Petitioner(s).

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand through the Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand, officiated at Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi, P.O. Dhurwa P.S. Jangannathpur, District- Ranchi.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Palamau, officiated at Daltonganj, P.O. & P.S. Daltonganj, District-Palamau, (Jharkhand).
3. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar Medininagar, P.O. & P.S. Medininagar, District- Palamau, (Jharkhand).
4. The Khas Mahal Officer, Medininagar, P.O. & P.S. Medininagar, District-Palamau, (Jharkhand).
5. The Circle Officer, Medininagar, P.O. & P.S. Medininagar, District- Palamau, (Jharkhand).
6. Dhirendra Kumar Singh, son of Late Mahesh Singh Rathore, resident of Kund Mohalla, Ward No. 7, P.O. & P.S. Medininagar, District Palamau, (Jharkhand).
7. The Jharkhand State Hindu Religious Trust Board, through its Chairman, having its Head office at Hinoo, P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi

... Respondent(s)

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Ram Kinkar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Rakesh Kr. Roy, AC to GA-III
For the Resp. No.7 : Mr. Bharat Kumar, Advocate

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02/ 29.04.2026 Heard, the learned counsel for the parties.

2. After going through the record and hearing the parties, I find that notices have been issued under Section 3(1) & 6(2) of the Jharkhand Public Land Encroachment Act, 1956 to the petitioner, which are at Annexures-5 and 6 of the writ petition.

3. The respondent initiated a land encroachment case being Land Encroachment Case No. 01 of 2025-2026 against the petitioner and the notices have been issued.

4. The petitioner has taken several points in this writ petition

challenging the said notices including the area covered under the said notices and alleged encroachment.

5. On query, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already appeared in the Land Encroachment Case No. 01 of 2025-2026, pursuant to the said notices.

6. When the petitioner has already appeared before the designated Officer under the Land Encroachment Act, the petitioner should file a detailed reply. Once the petitioner files a reply within three weeks from today, the case of the petitioner will be considered and the proceedings will proceed as per the Jharkhand Public Land Encroachment Act.

7. It is expected that the Collector under the said Act will consider the documents on record and defence of the petitioner and thereafter will pass an appropriate order without being prejudiced by this order.

8. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

29th April, 2026
R.S./S.K.C.
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