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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 5289 of 2026

1 - Meena Bai W/o Niranjan Singh Aged About 56 Years R/o Village Bamhani, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

2 - Urmila Bai W/o Nohar Tekam Aged About 67 Years R/o Village Katami, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

3 - Kaushal S/o Ramprasad Aged About 43 Years R/o Village Bamhani, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

4 - Pratap Singh S/o Gokul Singh Aged About 54 Years R/o Village Bamhani, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

5 - Gend Singh S/o Samelal Maravi Aged About 57 Years R/o Village Bamhani, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

6 - Ratan Singh S/o Samelal Aged About 68 Years R/o Village Bamhani, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

7 - Baisakhiya Bai W/o Panasriya Mravi Aged About 36 Years R/o Village Bamhani, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

8 - Prarvati Bai W/o Mahanjan Tekam Aged About 47 Years R/o Village Katami, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

9 - Faagun Singh W/o Punnu Ram Gond Aged About 43 Years R/o Village Bamhani, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

10 - Ramkumar S/o Budhram Marko Aged About 52 Years R/o Village Bamhani, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

11 - Sadaram S/o Budhram Gond Aged About 62 Years R/o Village Bamhani, Post - Surhi, Block Lormi District - Mungeli (C.G.)

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Forest, Mahanadi Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, Raipur District Raipur (C.G.)

2 - The Collector District - Mungeli (C.G.)

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3 - The Divisional Forest Officer Department Of Forest, Forest Division Mungeli, District - Mungeli (C.G.)

4 - Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Lormi, District Mungeli (C.G.)

5 - The Assistant Commissioner Department Of Tribal Welfare, Mungeli, District - Mungeli (C.G.)

.. Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s)	**:**	Mr. Vikash Dubey, Advocate
For Respondent(s)	**:**	Mr. Amit Nayak, PL

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad

Order on Board

04.11.2026

1. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners submits that the petitioners are aggrieved by the arbitrary and inactional approach of Respondent No. 2 in withholding the Forest Rights Pattas, which have already been prepared upon completion of all the requisite statutory formalities and procedural requirements as contemplated under Section 6 of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. It is further submitted that, despite completion of the entire statutory process and repeated requests made by the petitioners, the said Forest Rights Pattas have not been handed over to them and are being withheld by Respondent No. 2 without any

justifiable reason. Hence, the petitioners have filed the present petition seeking the following reliefs:

> *“ 10.1 That the petitioner craves the indulgence of the Hon’ble Court that this Hon’ble Court may be kind enough to call for the records of the case from the respondents.*
>
> *10.2 That the Hon’ble Court may kindly be pleased to direct the respondent No. 2 to release and hand over the Forest Rights Patta Certificate to the petitioners in a stipulated time period in the interest of justice.*
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> *10.3 Any other relief, which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper, may also be passed in favour of the petitioner.*

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2. Learned State counsel submits that, pursuant to the direction issued by this Court vide order dated 15.10.2026, he has obtained instructions to the effect that the applications preferred by the petitioners for grant of Forest Rights Pattas in respect of the forest land shall be considered and decided within an outer limit of 30 working days.

3. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the submissions advanced by learned State counsel on the basis of instructions received from the respondent-authorities, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the

respondent-authorities to consider and take a final decision on the applications preferred by the petitioners for grant of Forest Rights Pattas in respect of the forest land, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law, within an outer limit of 30 working days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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4. With the aforesaid observations and directions this writ petition stands **disposed of.**

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(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)

Judge

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