Neutral Citation No. (2026:JHHC:32653)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P. (L) No. 1215 of 2024

Amarnath Seth, aged about 49 years, son of Late Kewal Seth, resident of 15 Gandhi Nagar, Bhowra, P.O. & P.S. Jorapokhar, District Dhanbad.

... ... Petitioner

Versus

1. The Union of India, Shram Shakti Bhawan, 5 Rafi Marg Area, P.O. & P.S. New Delhi, District New Delhi.
2. The General Manager, Bhowra (N) Colliery, Bhowra, Area XI of M/s. B.C.C.L., P.O. & P.S. Jorapokhar, District Dhanbad.
3. The Personnel Officer, Bhowra (N) Colliery, Bhowra, Area XI of M/s. B.C.C.L., P.O. & P.S. Jorapokhar, District Dhanbad.

… … ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ PRASAD

For the Petitioner	:	Mr Avishek Chandra, Advocate
For the Resp. No.1 (UOI)	:	Mr Prashant Kr. Singh, DSGI Mr. Karbir, A.C to DSGI
For the Resp. (BCCL)	:	Mr. Arpan Mishra, Advocate

Order No. 06 / Dated: 06.11.2026

Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

In the present application, the petitioner seeks direction for expeditious disposal of Reference Case No.44 of 2000.

It is stated that by order of the Ranchi Bench of the then Patna High Court on 04.01.2000, the matter was remitted back to the respondent No.2 to pass appropriate order for reference of the dispute before the appropriate authority for adjudication.

Subsequently, the Ministry of Labour by letter dated 01.03.2000 directed the C.G.I.T to dispose of the matter within six months, but despite all this, the matter is pending since the last 26 years and has not been disposed of.

The direction has been sought for to the C.G.I.T to dispose of Reference Case No.44 of 2000 at the earliest.

The petitioner raises certain points for consideration at Para-2 which is quoted for reference: -

(i) Whether when the reference has been made under Section 10 to decide the dispute on 01.03.2000 that can be delayed on the part of the respondents?
(ii) Whether when the petitioner has appeared on adduced some evidence even them the matter can be delayed?
(iii) Whether action of respondent in not deciding the issue is mental harassment and against the mandatory rules?
(iv) Whether when the time has been framed for deciding the issue that can be ignored?
(v) Whether any other question of law is involved in this writ application?

Learned D.S.G.I appearing for the Union of India in all fairness concedes that appropriate direction may be given for early disposal of reference case.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of BCCL submits that though there is a mandate by the Hon'ble Apex Court not to fix any timeline for disposal of any case before the Trial Court or the Tribunal but the direction for early disposal may be passed.

Since the matter involves only a direction for early disposal of Reference Case No.44 of 2000, this Court is inclined to allow the present writ petition, directing the Central Government Industrial Tribunal (No.2) Labour Court (No.1) at Dhanbad to ensure that the matter be disposed of as early as possible. No order as to costs.

(Manoj Prasad, J.)

November 6th, 2026
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