

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 7937 of 2026

M/s. Ashok Pradhan, having its registered office at Krishnapuri Colony, Chutia, PO & PS-Chutia, District-Ranchi, through its proprietor Ashok Pradhan, S/o Late Radha Mohan Pradhan, R/o Near Kali Mandir, Krishnapuri Colony, Road No. 1, PO & PS-Chutia, District-Ranchi Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Secretary, Transport Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
3. The Commissioner, Transport Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
4. The District Transport Officer, Ranchi
5. United India Insurance Company Limited, Ratu Road, 2nd Floor, Rajdhani Manya Tower, Piska More, Ranchi

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. P.A.S. Pati, Advocate
For the Respondent-State : Mr. Shivam Kumar, AC to AG

Order No. 02

Dated: 14.10.2026

- 1.** In course of argument, learned counsel for the petitioner confines the prayer to the extent of directing the respondent authorities to cancel the registration certificate of the petitioner's JCB Excavator bearing registration No. JH-01-CN-4745 as, according to the petitioner, the said vehicle got completely destroyed in an extremist attack on 23.11.2019 and consequently, became permanently unfit for use.
- 2.** Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the petitioner represented the respondent authorities requesting to cancel the registration of the said vehicle, however, the same remained unresponded, which compelled it to prefer the present writ petition.
- 3.** Mr. Shivam Kumar, AC to AG appearing on behalf of the respondent-State, submits that if the petitioner prefers a fresh

representation on the present issue before the respondent no. 3 – the Commissioner, Transport Department, Government of Jharkhand, an appropriate decision in accordance with law will be taken.

4. 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 petitioner is given liberty to prefer fresh representation on the present issue before the respondent no. 3. On receipt of the said representation, the respondent no. 3, after calling for the relevant record and on providing an opportunity of hearing to the representative of the petitioner, shall take an appropriate decision in accordance with law within six weeks from the date of filing of the representation.
5. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of with aforesaid liberty and direction.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

October 14, 2026
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