IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
C.W.J.C. No. 3819 of 1993 (R)

1. Tata Iron & Steel Company Limited, Having its registered office at 24, Homi Mody Street (East), Bombay and its Works at Jamshedpur in the District of Singhbhum (East).
2. Arun Narayan Singh, S/o of Late Guneshwar Narayan Singh, Resident of Jamshedpur, P.O. Northern Town, P.S. Bistupur, District East Singhbhum, (Shareholder)

... ... Petitioners

Versus

1. State of Bihar
2. Secretary, Department of Irrigation, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. Administrator, Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project, Subarnarekha Project Unit, Vikas Bhawan, Aditypur, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

… … ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ PRASAD

For the Petitioners: Mr Indrajit Sinha, Advocate
Mr Ajay Kumar Sah, Advocate
For the Respondents: Mr Jayant Franklin Toppo, G.A-V

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48 / Dated: 05.11.2026

1. Mr Ajay Sah for the petitioners and Mr Toppo for the State of Jharkhand submit that the matter has been settled and therefore, could be disposed of in terms of the settlement reached.

2. Mr Toppo refers to the affidavit of Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Executive Engineer, Subarnarekha Dam, Division No. 2, Chandil, Water Resources Department, Government of Jharkhand, the duly authorised signatory on behalf of the State Government and submits that the details of such settlement have been set out in paragraphs 3 to 8.

3. Accordingly, contents of paragraphs 3 to 8 are transcribed below for the ease of reference:

> *"3. That it is humbly most stated and submitted that the present affidavit is being filed on behalf of the respondents in compliance with Order No.-47, dated-02.09.2026 passed by*

this Hon'ble Court in C.W.J.C. No. 3819 of 1993 (R), wherein this Hon'ble Court was pleased to record that preliminary settlement talks had been held between the parties and granted an adjournment until 04th November 2026 to facilitate efforts toward an amicable settlement outside of court.

4. That it is most humbly stated and submitted that in compliance with the directions of this Hon'ble Court, a Mediation Committee was constituted by the Water Resources Department, Government of Jharkhand, vide Departmental Letter No.-727 dated 28.09.2026, and representatives of M/s Tata Steel Limited were nominated vide Tata Steel Limited's Letter No. AOICS/17V/26 dated 12.10.2026.

5. That it is most humbly stated and submitted that pursuant thereto, a meeting of the Mediation Committee was held on 15.10.2026 at 3:00 PM in the Conference Hall, 4th Floor, Jal Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi, regarding the settlement of outstanding water dues pertaining to the period prior to 01.07.1998 in connection with C.W.J.C. No. 3819 of 1993.

6. That it is most humbly stated and submitted that during the meeting, the matters of dispute were discussed in detail in light of the directions of this Hon'ble High Court. It was noted and agreed upon that all other disputes apart from the pending amount of ₹55.9425 crores (Rupees Fifty Five Crores Ninety Four Lakhs and Twenty Five Thousand only), pertaining to water tariff for the period from 01.07.1998 to 31.03.2023, had already been resolved vide judgment dated 28.06.2024 of this Hon'ble High Court in W.P. (C) No. 1915 of 2005 and W.P. (C) No. 4544 of 2011.

7. That it most humbly stated and submitted that M/s Tata Steel Limited, with a view to resolving the longstanding dispute amicably, voluntarily proposed to settle the matter and consented to pay the full demand amount of ₹55.9425 (Rupees Fifty Five Crores Ninety Four Lakhs and Twenty

Five Thousand only), pertaining to the period prior to 01.07.1998, within the current financial year (2026-27), as early as possible.

8. That it is most humbly stated and submitted that accordingly, both the petitioners and the respondents agreed to the settlement of all disputes/issues in C.W.J.C. No. 3819 of 1993 and that the same may be communicated to Hon'ble High Court of Jharkhand."

4. Along with the above referred affidavit, the terms of settlement have been annexed and marked as Annexure-D.
5. Since the matter has been settled, at the joint request of the learned counsel for the petitioners and the State Government, this petition is finally disposed of in terms of the settlement reached by and between the petitioners and the State Government. There shall be no orders for costs.
6. If any I.A(s) are pending, they will not survive and are hereby disposed of.

(M. S. Sonak, C.J.)

(Manoj Prasad, J.)

November 05, 2026

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