

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**  
**W.P.(C) No.7102 of 2026**

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Pawan Kumar, son of Naresh Rana, resident of village Tandwa,  
P.O. & P.S. Tandwa, District Chatra (Jharkhand).

..... Petitioner.

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. Secretary, Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms,  
Government of Jharkhand, Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi.
3. Deputy Commissioner, Chatra.
4. Land Reforms Deputy Collector, Chatra.
5. Circle Officer, Tandwa, District Chatra.
6. Central Coalfields Limited, Darbhanga House, Ranchi, through  
Chairman-cum-Managing Director.
7. Area General Manager, Aamrapali-Chandragupt Area, Central  
Coalfields Limited, Tandwa, District Chatra.
8. Project Officer, Aamrapali-Chandragupt Area, Central  
Coalfields Limited, Tandwa, District Chatra.

..... Respondents.

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**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR**  
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For the Petitioner : Mr. Avilash Kumar, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Kunal Chandra Suman, AC to GP-II

For CCL : Mr. Shubham Kataruka, Advocate  
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**Order No.03**

**Date: 23.09.2026**

1. The present writ petition has been filed for issuance of direction upon the respondents, particularly respondent no.6, to grant appointment to the petitioner under Land Looser Scheme concerning 'Aamrapali-Chandragupt Area' of CCL for acquisition of the land, appertaining to Khata nos.23 & 26, Khesra nos.1009, 303, 358 & 362, situated at village Bukru, measuring an area of 02 acres.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the land, appertaining to Khata nos.23 & 26, Khesra nos.1009, 303, 358 & 362, situated at village Bukru, measuring an area of 02 acres

is recorded in the name of Jodhi Rana, grandfather of the petitioner and legal heirs of one Azim Khalifa along with other family members and they have been in peaceful possession over the land in question since long. Under the Land Looser Scheme, one employment has to be given for every two acres. In the present case, only 83 decimals of land belonging to grandfather of the petitioner was acquired and as such the petitioner along with other family members as well as the family members of one recorded tenant namely, Azim Khalifa (whose land was 1.17 acres) got their land acquired for taking the benefit of the said scheme.

3. It is further submitted that the respondent no.7 entered into an agreement with the petitioner and other family members on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 under Section 14(i) of the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957 for acquisition of the land in question. In the said agreement, it has been specifically mentioned that the interested person would be paid compensation along with an employment as per the provisions of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 2012.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner also submits that the petitioner and legal heirs of the said Azim Khalifa jointly nominated the name of the petitioner in the prescribed format for employment with respect to acquisition of the land by Aamrapali-Chandragupt Area and all other members/co-sharers also gave their no objection in presence of the respondent no.8. The co-sharers also submitted an affidavit dated 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, stating that they

have no objection, if the petitioner is given employment in lieu of acquisition of the land in question. Upon receipt of the nomination, the respondent no.8 forwarded the employment proposal file to the concerned authority. On receipt of the employment proposal file, the concerned authority of the CCL recommended the name of the petitioner for employment and, accordingly, the petitioner's age assessment and other medical examination were also done. However, till date appointment letter has not been issued to the petitioner. Hence, this writ petition.

5. Mr. Shubham Kataruka, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondent-CCL submits that the petitioner's claim seeking appointment under the Land Looser Scheme is required to be considered by the competent authority of the CCL.
6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, considering the nature of the prayer made in the writ petition and without entering into merit of the case, the competent authority of the Respondent-CCL is directed to take appropriate decision on the petitioner's aforesaid claim within eight weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order.
7. It goes without saying that before taking appropriate decision, if the competent authority needs any further document from the petitioner, it may ask for the same and the petitioner shall submit it.

8. The appropriate order as would be passed by the competent authority shall also be communicated to the petitioner within two weeks thereafter.
9. The writ petition is disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

**(Rajesh Shankar, J.)**

***23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2026***  
***Sanjay/***  
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