

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.8186 of 2026

1. Bindu Yadav, son of Late Babuni Yadav, resident of village-Baluri, P.O.-Baluri, P.S. Hunterganj, District-Chatra, Jharkhand.
 2. Jatun Yadav, son of Late Babuni Yadav, resident of near Lelin Chauk, Saunda Dsiur, Sounda D Patratu, Ramgarh, Jharkhand.
 3. Mahendra Yadav, son of Late Babuni Yadav, resident of village-Brahapur, P.O.-Baluri, P.S.-Hunterganj, Jharkhand.
 4. Prabha Devi, wife of Late Indu Yadav, resident of village-Chakla, Barapur, P.S. Hunterganj, District-Chatra, Jharkhand.
- Petitioners.

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand.
 2. Deputy Commissioner, Chatra.
 3. Additional Collector, Chatra.
 4. District Land Acquisition Officer, Chatra.
 5. The Project Director, National Highway Authority of India, Hazaribag.
- Respondents.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioners : Mr. Bhawesh Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mrs. Rukmini Kumari,
A.C. to S.C. (Mines)-III
For the NHA : Mr. Akash Bhushan, Advocate

Order No.02

Date: 28.10.2026

1. The present writ petition has been filed for issuance of direction upon the concerned respondent to pay appropriate compensation to the petitioners for acquisition of their land appertaining to Plot No.525, Khata No.73, measuring an area of 3 acres, situated at village-Barahpur, Circle Hunterganj, District-Chatra under Bharat Mala Project. According to the petitioners, though the said land is 'Gair Mazarua Khas land', however, they have lawful right and title over the said land.

2. Mrs. Rukmini Kumari, learned A.C. to S.C. (Mines)-III appearing on behalf of the respondent-State, submits that the aforesaid claim of the petitioners is required to be considered by a competent authority i.e., the District Land Acquisition Officer, Chatra (the respondent no.4) at the first instance. Hence, if the petitioners prefer a fresh representation on the present issue before the respondent no.4, an appropriate informed decision in accordance with law will be taken by the said respondent within a stipulated time frame.
3. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and considering the nature of the prayer made in the present writ petition, without entering into the merit of the case, the petitioners are given liberty to prefer a fresh representation on the present issue before the respondent no.4. On receipt of the said representation, the respondent no.4 after examining the relevant records and on providing an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners/their representatives, shall take an appropriate informed decision in accordance with law within a period of three months from the date of filing of the representation.
4. The writ petition is, accordingly, disposed of with aforesaid liberty and direction.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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