

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (C) No. 7848 of 2026

Anil Kumar Verma, son of Mohan Mahto, resident of Village-
Vangava, P.O.- Motileda, P.S.- Bengabad, District- Giridih

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand through the Chief Secretary,
Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Secretary, Department of Home, Jail & Disaster
Management, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
3. The Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Government
of Jharkhand, Ranchi
4. The Deputy Commissioner, Giridih
5. The Superintendent of Police, Giridih
6. The Officer-in-Charge, Bengabad P.S., District- Giridih
7. The District Mining Officer, Giridih Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner

: Mr. Prashant Kumar Rai, Advocate

For the Respondents

: Mr. Rahul Saboo, G.P.-II

Mr. Kunal Chandra Suman, A.C. to G.P.-II

Order No. 03

Dated: 14.10.2026

1. The present writ petition has been filed seeking declaration that the commercial vehicle of the petitioner, i.e., Eicher Tractor, bearing registration no. JH-11AV-8226 (engine no. S325R08952) along with its trolley has been illegally detained by the respondent authorities. Further prayer has been made for issuance of direction upon the concerned respondent to release the aforesaid vehicle forthwith.
2. The present writ petition was earlier taken up on 08.10.2026 and on the said date, the following order was passed: -

"1. The grievance of the petitioner as raised in the writ petition is that his tractor bearing registration No. JH-11AV-8226 along with its trolley has been detained by respondent no. 6 – the Office-inCharge, Bengabad, Giridih since 13.09.2026 without any lawful action being initiated.

2. Mr. Rahul Saboo, learned GP-II appearing on behalf of the respondents, prays for an adjournment to seek instruction in this regard from the respondent no. 5 – the

Superintendent of Police, Giridih.

3. Put up this case under the same heading on 14.10.2026.”

- 3.** Pursuant to the aforesaid order, Mr. Rahul Saboo, learned G.P.-II, produces a copy of letter dated 13.10.2026 issued by the Officer-in-Charge, Bengabad P.S., Giridih in which it has been mentioned that a raid was conducted at NH-114A near Sonabad village and in the said raid, two tractors i.e., (i) Sonalika Tractor bearing engine no.- 3100FLU24E1168905F18 and (ii) Eicher Tractor bearing engine no. – S325R08952, were found loaded with illegal sand. It has further been mentioned in the said letter that Sonalika Tractor was subsequently released after depositing the compounding fee, however Eicher Tractor bearing engine no. – S325R08952 could not be released as the compounding fee was not deposited.
- 4.** On perusal of a copy of Certificate of Registration (annexed as Annexure-1 to the writ petition), it appears that the Eicher Tractor bearing registration no. JH-11AV-8226 (engine no.- S325R08952) is the tractor whose release has been sought in the present writ petition. Since the action as per law has been initiated with respect to the said tractor, the prayer made in the present writ petition is not worth consideration.
- 5.** The writ petition is accordingly dismissed.
- 6.** Let a copy of letter dated 13.10.2026 along with its annexures be kept on record.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)