



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 1029 of 2026

ACHAMBHITRAM versus STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

With

WPC No. 918 of 2026

MANIRAM versus STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order Sheet

16/03/2026	Mr. Sushobhit Singh, Counsel for the petitioners. Mr. Abhishek Gupta, PL for respondents No.1 to 4/State. Mr. Sudhir Kumar Bajpai, Counsel for respondents No.5 to 8/SECL. Ms. Anmol Sharma, CGC for respondent No.9.UOI in WPC No.1029/2026. Heard on IA No.2/2026 - Application for impleadment of respondent No.9 - Union of India as party respondent in WPC No.918/2026. The aforesaid application is not opposed by the counsel for the respondents.

	On due consideration, application is allowed. Counsel for the petitioner shall carry out necessary amendment in the cause title of WPC 918/2026 during the course of the day. Heard on IA No.1/2026 - Application for interim relief in both the cases. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that respondent Authorities are threatening and forcing the petitioners to disposes their land without passing any award, which is clear violation of provision of Section 4 of the Panchayat (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) read with Section 129C of the Chhattisgarh Panchayati Raj Adhiniyam and Rule 36 of the PESA Rules 2021. Hence, interim protection be granted to the petitioners. Learned counsel for respondents No.5 to 8 submits that subject lands of the petitioners have been acquired in the year 2001 after issuing Notifications under Sections 4, 7 and 9 of the Coal Bearing Areas Acquisition and Development Act, 1957. At the relevant time the General Manager of concerned area had declared as Competent Authority under the Act 1957. Further, the compensation amount has also been calculated for distributing to the petitioners, several communication through various modes have also been sent, but petitioners have not received the same. Hence, no interim protection is required in the matter. However, he prays for sometime to file reply.
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	Considering the submission of learned counsel for the parties, at this stage, this Court is not inclined to allow the prayer of the petitioner for grant interim of relief. Learned counsel for the respondents shall file reply within a period of 3 weeks. List this case thereafter. Sd/- (Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi) Judge
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