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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**WPC No. 4343 of 2026****RAJ KUMAR ROHIDAS *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order Sheet**

20/08/2026	Mr. Praras Mani Shriwas, counsel for the petitioner. Mr. Soumitra Kesharwani, PL for the State. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that, vide order dated 25.05.2026 passed by the learned Sub-Divisional Officer (R), Pamgarh, District Janjgir-Champa, the construction being raised by the petitioners over the subject land has been stayed. It is further submitted that, thereafter, when the petitioners approached the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer (R) and attempted to submit an application

along with the relevant documents to demonstrate that they are in lawful possession of the subject land and that the construction being carried out by them is lawful and in accordance with their rights over the said land, the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer (R) allegedly refused to accept the documents submitted by the petitioners and also declined to afford them an opportunity of hearing. It is, therefore, contended that the petitioners have been deprived of a reasonable opportunity to place the relevant facts and documents before the competent authority.

On the other hand, learned counsel appearing for the State submits that, if the aforesaid allegation made by the petitioners is found to be correct, appropriate and necessary orders may be passed against the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer (R), in accordance with law.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and having regard to the nature of the grievance raised by the petitioners, the

petitioners are directed to approach the concerned Collector, Janjgir-Champa, by filing a representation, specifically raising their grievance that, when they approached the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer (R) for submitting the relevant documents and for placing their case before the said authority, the documents were allegedly not accepted and the petitioners were not afforded an opportunity of hearing.

Upon receipt of such representation, the concerned Collector, Janjgir-Champa, shall examine the aforesaid grievance of the petitioners in its proper perspective and shall treat the allegation seriously. The concerned Collector shall call for an explanation from the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer (R), Pamgarh, as to why the documents sought to be submitted by the petitioners were allegedly not taken on record and why the petitioners were not afforded an opportunity to place their case before the authority. The concerned Collector shall also examine whether any appropriate steps were taken by the Sub-Divisional Officer (R) for

redressal of the grievance raised by the petitioners and shall take necessary action in accordance with law, if the allegation made by the petitioners is found to be substantiated.

The concerned Collector is further directed to ensure that the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer (R), Pamgarh, files an affidavit before this Court specifically dealing with the allegations made by the petitioners, including the allegation regarding refusal to accept the documents and refusal to hear the petitioners. Such affidavit shall be filed within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The concerned authorities are directed to ensure that the requisite affidavit(s), along with the necessary explanation and relevant documents, are submitted before this Court on or before 07th September, 2026.

List this case on 09th September, 2026.

Sd/-
(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)
Judge

Raghu Jat