

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

L.P.A. No. 195 of 2025

Mahesh Kumar Mandal Appellant

Versus

The State of Jharkhand and Others Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR**

For the Appellant: Mr. Arvind Kumar Choudhary, Advocate

For the Respondents: Md. Z.A. Khan, A.C. to S.C.-VII

02/Dated: 19.03.2026

1. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.
2. Normally, we neither require nor permit the parties to file affidavits in the Letters Patent Appeals. However, we note that the State Government in its affidavit filed in W.P. (S) No. 6089 of 2024 has not explained the reasons and circumstances for enhancing the cut-off marks for the MBC (BC-01) Para Category for Class I-V from 51.12 to 59.94.
3. Accordingly, we direct the State to now file an affidavit explaining the reasons for such enhancement.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that enhancement was only in respect of the MBC (BC-01) Para Category for Class I-V. He further submits that on account this enhancement, which, according to him, was arbitrary, the two seats reserved for MBC (BC-01) Para Category for Class I-V have not been filled in, because none of the candidates from this category could achieve this enhanced requirement.
5. The affidavit of the State, which is now directed to be filed, should also address the above contentions raised on behalf of the petitioner.

6. The affidavit must also state whether the petitioner, who has scored 53.09 marks, will qualify for appointment to one of the two reserved posts, if the cut-off marks are lowered down.
7. The State should file and serve the above affidavits by 2nd of April 2026.
8. List this matter on 7th of April 2026.

(M. S. Sonak, C.J.)

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

March 19, 2026

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