

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

C.W.J.C. No. 3819 of 1993(R)

Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. and Another Petitioners

Versus

State of Bihar (now Jharkhand) and Others Respondents

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

For the Petitioners: A.C. to Mr. Indrajit Sinha, Advocate

For the State: Mr. Jayant Franklin Toppo, G.A.-V

43/Dated: 11.03.2026

I.A. No. 3336 of 2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. I.A. No. 3336 of 2026 seeks leave to amend the petition.
3. Though, this petition was instituted in 1993 and disposed of in 2004, this Court's order was set aside by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the matter was remanded for fresh considerations.
4. The amendment as proposed seeks to argue that the legislation, on which the State Government relies upon, is inapplicable.
5. Accordingly, we do not think that any prejudice will be occasioned to the respondents if leave is granted to amend this petition and raised this plea, which, even otherwise, appears to be a pure question of law.
6. Mr. Toppo submits that the application is belated.
7. Considering the fact that the matter was remanded by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 2017, we agree that there is some delay, but such delay can always be compensated in terms of cost.
8. Accordingly, we grant the petitioner leave to amend the petition, subject to payment of Rs.10,000/- within a week to the JHALSA.

9. The amendment be carried out within two weeks and the copy of the amended petition should be served upon the learned counsel for the respondents.
10. If the respondents wish to file any reply, they are granted liberty to file and serve the same within two weeks of the receipt of the amended copy of the petition.
11. We post this matter on 22nd of April 2026, with a clear understanding that no further adjournment will be granted.
12. I.A. Nos. 3336 of 2026 stands disposed of.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

March 11, 2026

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