

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 434 of 2026

Sanjeev Nayan Kumar, aged about 51 years, S/o Bijay Kumar Ambastha, permanent resident of Police Stadium Road, P.O- Daltonganj, P.S.- Medininagar, District- Palamu, Jharkhand, Pin-822101

..... **Petitioner(s)**

Vrs.

1. The State of Jharkhand through the Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Housing Department, Government of Jharkhand, Project Bhawan, P.O. & P.S. Dhurwa, District Ranchi, Jharkhand, Pin-834004.
2. The Secretary, State Election Commission, at Jharkhand Election Bhawan, situated at Ratu Road, Ranchi, P.O- Ratu, P.S.-Ratu, District- Ranchi. Jharkhand, Pin Code-834001
3. The Election Commissioner, the State of Jharkhand, having Office at Ratu Road, Ranchi, P.O- Ratu, P.S.-Ratu, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand, Pin Code-834001.
4. The Commissioner, Palamu, P.O. & P.S. Medininagar, District-Palamu.
5. The District Election Officer (Municipality) -cum-Deputy Commissioner, Palamu, New Collectorate Building, Block-A, Medininagar, Palamu, P.O.- Medininagar, P.S. Medininagar, District- Palamu, Jharkhand.
6. The District Deputy Election Officer (Nagar Palika) Palamu, New Collectorate Building, Medininagar, Palamu, P.O.- Medininagar, P.S.- Medininagar, District- Palamu, Jharkhand

..... **Respondent(s)**

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Petitioner(s)	: Mr. Niladri Shekhar Mukherjee, Advocate Mrs. Sandhya Singh, Advocate Mr. Shravan Kumar, Advocate
For the Resp.-State	: Mr. P.C. Sinha, A.C to G.A.-III
For the Resp.-Election Commission:	Mr. Sumeet Gadodia, Advocate

04/10.02.2026 The present writ petition has been filed for the following relief(s):

“(i) For quashing the impugned order as contained in Notification No. 68 dated 08.01.2026 (Annexure-2) published in Jharkhand Gazette dated 9th January 2026 (Annexure-2/1) whereby and whereunder without assigning any reasons II Palamu/01 Medininagar Nagar Nigam (Bhag-Kha) i.e., the post of MAYOR” has been notified as Reserved for "WOMEN" instead of "OTHERS" i.e. for "Male" and "Female" both as per Notification No. 2558 dated 17.11.2022 (Annexure-1) of the State Election Commission, Jharkhand.

AND

(ii) Commanding upon the concerned respondent mainly Respondent No2., the Secretary, State Election Commission to declare the Seat of "MAYOR" as "OTHERS" instead of reserved for "FEMALE" i.e. for Male and Female both, since such notification is in utter violation of the precedent and the Jharkhand Nagarpalika Adhiniyam 2011 Sec.27 and Jharkhand Nagar Palika Election & Election Petition Rules (Niyamawali) 2012 as amended & Published in Gazette on 25th. January 2024, Rule 9(KHA)."

2. The issue involved in the present writ petition has already been settled by the learned Division Bench of this Court in W.P.(C) No. 7296 of 2025 vide judgment dated 27.01.2026

3. In that view of the matter, I am not inclined to entertain the present writ petition.

4. Accordingly, the present writ petition is hereby, dismissed. Consequently, I.A. No. 1166 of 2026 stands disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

10.02.2026
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