

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 1637 of 2026

Forest Rights Committee, Gram Sabha Dand, Through its President Tuleshwar Saw S/o Lt. Horil Saw, aged about 53 years, R/o Dand, P.O. & P.S. Danr, District- Hazaribagh.

... .. Petitioner(s)

Versus

1. State of Jharkhand, through its Chief Secretary, having its Office at Project Bhawan, P.O. & P.S. Dhurwa, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand.
2. Deputy Commissioner, Hazaribagh, having its office at Collectorate, P.O. Hazaribagh H.O. & P.S. Muffasil, District- Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.
3. Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar having its Office at SDO Office, Hazaribagh Collectorate, P.O. Hazaribagh H.O. & P.S. Mufafasil, District- Hazaribagh.
4. Circle Officer, Katkamsandi, having its office at Circle Office, Katkamsandi, P.O. & P.S. Katkamsandi, District- Hazaribagh.
5. Divisional Forest Officer, Hazaribagh, West Division having its Office at Van Bhavan, Near New Hazaribagh, P.O. Hazaribagh, H.O. & P.S. Muffasil Dist- Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.

... .. Respondent(s)

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Shailesh Poddar, Advocate. Mr. Shashak Shekhar No.3, Advocate. Mr. Xenia Dhar, Advocate.
For the Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, A.G.

02/ 18th March, 2026

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the application claiming forest rights is pending before respondent no.3 (Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar, Hazaribagh) since long. He submits that suffice it would be if a direction is given to the respondents to dispose of the representation by passing a reasoned order as per law within a specified time.
2. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the said application will be considered and an appropriate order will be passed as per law within a period of 12 weeks from today.
3. Considering the said submission, I direct the respondent no.3 (Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar, Hazaribagh) to pass a reasoned order as per law and disposed of the application of the petitioner within 12 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

18.03.2026

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