

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
L.P.A. No. 358 of 2025

The State of Jharkhand, through the Principal Secretary, Water
Resource Department, Ranchi & Others

..... Appellants

Versus

Nabin Narayan & Another

..... Respondents

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

For the Appellants: Mr. Abhijeet Anand, A.C. to Sr. S.C.-I

For the Proforma Res.: Ms. Shruti Shrestha, Advocate

04/09.02.2026

1. Notice was issued to the 1st respondent (original petitioner) on 22.09.2025. When the matter was taken up on 03.12.2025, it was noticed that the 1st respondent was unserved with the postal remark that he was no longer residing at the given address.
2. Therefore, the appellants were directed to take fresh steps for service of notice on the 1st respondent with his correct address within two weeks. However, the record shows that no step has been taken.
3. The order impugned has quashed the penalty of withholding of 5% of pension for a period of two years. It means that the appellants are required to pay the said withheld amount of pension to the 1st respondent.
4. In all probabilities, on account of pendency of this L.P.A., the appellants are not complying with the order of the learned Single Judge. At the same time, no step is being taken to serve the 1st respondent.
5. Accordingly, we direct the appellants to deposit the withheld amount of pension based upon the order dated 08.08.2022 in this Court within two weeks. The appellants must also take steps for

fresh service of notice upon the 1st respondent by furnishing his correct address, process fees etc. within the said period.

6. List this matter on 24.02.2026.

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

(RAJESH SHANKAR, J.)

09.02.2026
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