

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (C) No. 1673 of 2026

Goutam Singh, aged about 56 years, son of Shambhu Singh, resident of Nichubazar, Ward No. 5, Nalhati, M, Birbhum, P.O. & P.S. Birbhum, District Birbhum, West Bengal.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Jharkhand
2. The Secretary, Department of Industries, Mines and Geology, having its office at Yojna Bhawan, P.O. and P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi (Jharkhand).
3. The Director, Mines Directorate, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Jharkhand, having its office at Yojna Bhawan, P.O. and P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi (Jharkhand).
4. Deputy Commissioner, Pakur, having its office at District Collectorate, Pakur, P.O. & P.S. Pakur, District Pakur, (Jharkhand).
5. District Mining Officer, Pakur, having its office at District Collectorate, Pakur, P.O. & P.S. Pakur, District Pakur, (Jharkhand).

... .. Respondents

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

For the Petitioner: Mr. Indrajit Sinha, Advocate
Mr. P.A.S. Pati, Advocate
For the Resp-State: Mr. Gaurav Raj, A.C. to A.A.G-II

02/Dated: 19.03.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The primary argument on behalf of the petitioner is that the impugned show cause notice was issued pursuant to directions issued by this Court in W.P(C) No. 4466 of 2022 dated 18th September, 2025.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has now pointed out that the above referred order made by this Court has been stayed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 1585-1586 of 2026 on 2nd February, 2026. Accordingly, the learned counsel for petitioner has urged that the impugned show cause notice must be kept in

abeyance until the Hon'ble Supreme Court decides the Special Leave Petition one way or the other.

4. Mr. Gaurav Raj, learned A.C. to A.A.G-II, on instructions from the District Mining Officer, Pakur states that the impugned show cause notice will not be proceeded with until the disposal of the above referred Special Leave Petitions. The statement is accepted and the District Mining Officer is directed to act accordingly.

5. With this, the grievances of the petitioner, stands redressed and the petition is accordingly disposed of.

6. Pending Interlocutory Applications, if any, do not survive and are disposed of.

7. No costs.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

March 19, 2026

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