

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.5898 of 2026

1. Roshan Jamil Ansari
2. Rizwan Ansari
3. Imran

All sons of Late Salim Ansari, R/o Village Ukrid Basti, P.O. & P.S. Sector-XII, District Bokaro, Jharkhand.

... .. Petitioners

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. Secretary, Department of Revenue, Registration & Land Reforms, Government of Jharkhand, Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, P.O. & P.S. Dhurwa, District Ranchi, Jharkhand.
3. Deputy Commissioner, Bokaro, P.O. & P.S. B.S. City, District Bokaro, Jharkhand.
4. Circle Officer, Chas, P.O. & P.S. Chas, District Bokaro, Jharkhand.
5. Settlement Officer, Dhanbad, Settlement Office, P.O. & P.S. Nawadih, District Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
6. Rakhohari Mahatha
7. Shakti Mahatha
8. Anil Mahatha
9. Suresh Mahatha
10. Dilip Mahatha

Respondent Nos.6 to 10 are sons of Kedar Mahatha, R/o Village Bandhgora, Tola Khedadih, P.O. & P.S. Pindrajora, District Bokaro, Jharkhand.

... .. Respondents

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner : Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Advocate
 Mr. Kumar Baibhav, Advocate

For the Respondent : Mr. Achyut Keshav, Sr. AAG
 Mr. Shivam Kumar, AC to AG
 Mr. Baibhaw Gahlaut, Advocate

03/ 13.08.2026

By filing this writ petition, the petitioners have prayed for the following reliefs:-

"for issuance of a writ of or in the nature of mandamus or for any other appropriate writ, order or direction commanding/ directing the Settlement Officer, Dhanbad (Respondent No.5) to accept and register the petitioners'

Suit under section 87(1) of the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Act, 1908, challenging the entries made in Record of Rights (Khatian) in Revisional Survey finally published vide Notification No.423 dated 17.07.2014 of Government of Jharkhand, in respect to the New Khata No.141, New Plot Nos.1373, 1293, 1371, 1403, 1401, 1400, 1394, Total Area 134 decimal, Mouza Bandhgora, Thana No.35, P.S. Pindrajora, District-Bokaro; as also for issuance of such other writ, order or direction as may appear just and proper for doing equitable justice to the petitioners."

2. Heard learned counsel representing the petitioners and learned counsel representing the respondents.

3. The only grievance of the petitioners is that the Settlement Officer, Dhanbad, is not accepting and registering the petitioners' suit filed under Section 87(1) of the Chota Nagpur Tenancy (CNT) Act, 1908, whereby they had challenged the entries made in the Record of Rights (*khatiyen*).

4. Learned counsel representing the respondents, submits that under Section 87 (1) of the CNT Act, the application has to be filed before a Revenue Officer, and in terms of Rule 30 along with Note-1 of the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Rules, 1959, all the Deputy Collectors in the Chota Nagpur Division, have been empowered to discharge the function of a Revenue Officer under Chapters-XII and XIV of the CNT Act.

5. Learned counsel representing the petitioners submits that the petitioners have filed an application before the Settlement Officer, Dhanbad, who is in the rank of a Deputy Collector, and

powers have been vested upon him.

6. Considering the aforesaid submission, I direct respondent No.5 – Settlement Officer, Dhanbad, who is also the Revenue Officer, to register the application of the petitioners and thereafter decide the same strictly as per law considering the Limitation and the other aspects.

7. With the aforesaid direction, this writ petition stands **disposed of.**

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

*13th August, 2026
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