

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 5415 of 2026

Harsh Kumar Poddar, Son of Raj Kumar Poddar, resident of New Colony Road Musabani, Niwas Talkies, PO + PS-Musabani, Dist-East Singhbhum, Jharkhand.

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

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. District Certificate Officer, Bokaro, having its office at Bokaro, PO + PS-Bokaro, Dist-Ranchi.
3. District Transport Officer, (D.T.O.), Bokaro, having its office at Bokaro, PO + PS-Bokaro, Dist-Ranchi.

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

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sourav Kumar, Advocate
 Mr. Pratik Sen, Advocate

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. Baibhaw Gahlatu, AC to Senior AAG

02/ 27th July, 2026

1. Heard the parties.
2. The petitioner, in this writ petition is challenging the notice issued under Section 7 of Bihar and Orisa Public Demands Recovery Act, 2014.
3. Admittedly, the proceeding is pending and no final order has been passed. Thus, I am not inclined to interfere with the proceeding or the notice.
4. So far as the second prayer is concerned, I find that without disposing of the certificate case, the respondents have issued warrant of arrest.
5. It is made clear that without adjudicating the dispute and without confirming the certificate, the respondents cannot take any coercive measure directing the respondents to deposit any amount.
6. Since the certificate proceeding is pending, the respondents should dispose of the same and then only they can take appropriate steps for recovery. The warrant of arrest issued against the petitioner is thus, quashed.
7. With the aforesaid observation, this writ petition stands **disposed of**.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

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