

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.2281 of 2026

Mahesh Saw, son of Late Guna Saw, resident of Village Kud, P.O. Rewali, P.S. Katkamdag, District Hazaribag. **... ... Petitioner**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. Deputy Commissioner, Hazaribag, P.O., P.S. & District Hazaribag.
3. District Land Acquisition Officer, Hazaribag, P.O., P.S. & District Hazaribag.
4. Union of India, represented through Divisional Railway Manager, East Central Railway, Dhanbad, P.O. & P.S. Dhanbad, District Dhanbad.

... ... Respondents

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sachin Mahato, Advocate

For the Respondent(s): Mr. Prashant Pallav, ASGI, with
 Ms. Shivani Jaluka, AC to ASGI
 Mr. Vincent Rohit Marki, AC to AAG-III

02/ 08.04.2026

By filing this writ petition, the petitioner has prayed for the following reliefs:-

"for issuance of an appropriate writ(s)/ order(s)/ direction(s) or a particular writ in the nature of mandamus commanding upon the respondents especially to the respondent No.3 to refer the dispute under Section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 to the competent court of civil jurisdiction i.e. Special Civil Judge (Senior Division), Hazaribag for adjudication and enhancement of the amount of compensation awarded to the petitioner vide Award No.62 with respect to the land of Khata No.118, Plot No.103 area 0.15 acre, plot No.105 area 0.69 acre, plot No.110 area 0.26 acre, plot No.107 area 0.06 acre, plot No.179 area 0.88 acre, plot No.43 area 0.18 ½ acre, total area 2.22 ½ and vide Award No.64 in Khata No.33, plot No.106/2 area 0.24

acre, plot No.111 area 0.02 acre and plot No.178 area 0.12 acre, total area 0.38 acre respectively situated at village Kud-2, Thana No.123, P.S. Katkamsandi (now P.S. Katkamdag), District Hazaribag;”

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

3. It is the case of the petitioner that several tracts of lands of the petitioner have been acquired, for which Award Nos.62 and 64 were prepared. The petitioner accepted the said amount with protest and also prayed for enhancement of the same, as according to him, the quantum which has been fixed is meagre and he is entitled for much more. The petitioner has approached respondent No.3 by filing an application praying therein to refer the matter to the competent Court of Civil Jurisdiction for adjudication, but the same is still pending before the respondent.

4. Considering the limited prayer made by the petitioner, it is not necessary to call for the counter affidavit, thus I dispose this writ petition with a direction to respondent No.3 – District Land Acquisition Officer, Hazaribag, to refer the matter before the competent Court, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

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

(ANANDA SEN, J.)