

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (C) No. 2279 of 2026

M/s Hindalco Industries Limited, having its office at Hindalco Complex, Court Road, P.O. Lohardaga, P.S. Lohardaga, District Lohardaga, through its Authorized Signatory, Samta Sinha, aged about 40 years, wife of Amit Kumar, resident of Jagannath Garden, Pundag, P.O. and P.S. Pundag, District-Ranchi.
..... Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Jharkhand, through the Secretary, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi, having its office at Nepal House, Doranda, P.O. Doranda, P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi.
2. Certificate Officer, (Mining), South Chhota Nagpur Zone, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi, having its office at Nepal House, Near BMP Hospital, Doranda, P.O. Doranda, P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi.
3. Secretary, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi, having its office at Nepal House, Doranda, P.O. Doranda, P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi.
4. District Mining Officer, Lohardaga P.O. Lohardaga, P.S. Lohardaga, District Lohardaga.
5. Assistant Mining Officer, Lohardaga, P.O. Lohardaga, P.S. Lohardaga, District Lohardaga.
6. Union of India, through the Joint Secretary & Revisional Authority, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, P.O. & P.S. New Delhi, District New Delhi.
..... Respondents

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

For the Petitioner : Mr Indrajit Sinha, Advocate
For the Resp. Nos. 1 to 5 : Mr. Piyush Chitresh, AC to AG
For the Resp. No. 6 : Mr Prashant Pallav, ASGI
Ms. Shivani Jaluka, AC to ASGI

02 /Dated: 08.04.2026

1. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.
2. The petitioner challenges the Notice dated 17.12.2025 issued under Section 7 of the Bihar and Orissa Public Demands Recovery Act, 1914 (as applicable to the State of Jharkhand).
3. The impugned notice was purportedly issued as a consequence of order dated 23.09.2025 made by the District Mining Officer, Lohardaga. As against the order dated 23.09.2025, the petitioner has instituted a revision petition before the Revisional Authority, which has, by order dated 23.02.2026, stayed

the order dated 23.09.2025 and the consequent demand dated 15.10.2025, subject to compliance of certain conditions.

4. In view of the stay order dated 23.02.2026, there is no question of now proceeding with the impugned notice dated 17.12.2025. Accordingly, the reliefs in this petition, stand worked out. All contentions of all parties are, however, left open because we are disposing of the petition on the ground that reliefs sought therein are now rendered infructuous.

5. The petition is disposed of with the above clarifications. No costs.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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