

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (C) (Filing) No. 3214 of 2026

M/s Hindalco Industries Limited, Lohardaga, through its Authorized Signatory, Samta Sinha, W/o Amit Kumar, R/o Jagannath Garden, Pundag, P.O. & P.S.-Pundag, District-Ranchi

..... Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Jharkhand, through the Secretary, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Ranchi
2. Certificate Officer (Mining), South Chhota Nagpur Zone, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
3. Secretary, Department of Industries, Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
4. District Mining Officer, Lohardaga
5. Assistant Mining Officer, Lohardaga
6. Union of India, through the Joint Secretary & Revisional Authority, Ministry of Mines, New Delhi

..... Respondents

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner:	Mr. Indrajit Sinha, Advocate
For the Res.-U.O.I.:	Mr. Prashant Pallav, A.S.G.I.
For the Res.-State:	Mr. Piyush Chitresh, A.C. to A.G.

03/09.04.2026

1. The defects/office objections are waived.
2. With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the present writ petition is taken up for final disposal in view of the order passed by us on 08.04.2026 in W.P. (C) No. 2279 of 2026.
3. 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).
4. 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.

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

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

(RAJESH SHANKAR, J.)

09.04.2026
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