

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
L.P.A. No. 367 of 2012

Seema Devi & Others

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Appellants

Versus

The State of Jharkhand & Ors.

... ..

Respondents

With
L.P.A. No.258 of 2012
With
L.P.A. No.295 of 2012

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR RAI

For the Appellants

: Mr. Manoj Kr. Tamboli, Advocate

: Mr. S.N. Sharma, Advocate

[in L.P.A. No.258/12 & 295/12]

: Mr. Abhijeet Kumar, Advocate

[in L.P.A. No.367 of 2012]

For the Resp.-State

:Mr. Suman Marandi, A.C. to S.C.-IV

For Pvt. Respondents

:Mr. R.N. Sahay, Sr. Advocate

:Mr. Yashvardhan, Advocate

:Mr. Kirtivardhan, Advocate

Order No.41/ Dated 25th November, 2025

1. We have called for the status report pertaining to the Title Suit No. 181 of 2007 renumbered as O.S. 1494 of 2019, lying pending in the court of the learned Judicial Magistrate-VI-cum-CJJD, XIX, Ranchi.
2. It has been reported therein that the following reports have been received, which are referred herein below:-

- *The present case was admitted on 08.05.2008.*
- *Thereafter, issues settled on dt. 25.03.2014.*
- *Total seven plaintiff witnesses were examined.*
- *Plaintiff evidence closed on 22.11.2016.*
- *Total three defendant witnesses were examined.*
- *Defendant evidence closed on dt. 26.03.2019.*
- *Matter referred to mediation on dt. 10.05.2019 and mediation failed as non-starter.*
- *On dt. 12.12.2024 substitution order passed petition XXII Rule 04 of CPC & summon issued for appearance of substituted defendant.*
- *On dt. 15.09.2025 plaintiff has been directed to take step for appearance of substituted defendant. Since then record is running for appearance of substituted defendant.*

3. It thus appears from the said report that the case is ongoing for the appearance of the substituted defendant. The substituted defendant is being represented by Mr. S.N. Sharma and Mr. M.K. Tamboli; however, they have not yet made their appearance in the O.S. No. 1494 of 2019.
4. However, they have stated that the next date is fixed for 27th November, 2025, and on that date, they will make their appearance.
5. Considering the aforesaid, this Court is of the view that the learned court should decide the issue expeditiously, without any further delay, as the title suit is of the year 2007.
6. Let these appeals be listed after the disposal of Title Suit No. 181 of 2007, renumbered as O.S. 1494 of 2019.
7. Let this order be communicated to the learned Judicial Commissioner, Ranchi, for further communication to the learned trial court.
8. Parties are at liberty to mention these appeals for listing after the disposal of Title Suit No. 181 of 2007, renumbered as O.S. 1494 of 2019.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

25.11.2025
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