

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

L.P.A. (Filing) No. 3386 of 2025

Laxman Tamang and others Appellants

Versus

The State of Jharkhand & others Respondents

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

For the Appellants: Mr. Arpan Mishra, Advocate

For the State: Mr. Ratnesh Kumar, S.C. (L&C)-I

Mr. Rakesh Kumar Shahi, A.C. to S.C. (L&C)-I

For the Pvt. Respondents: Mr. Dhananjay Kumar Dubey, Advocate

08/Dated: 10.03.2026

I.A. No. 3935 of 2025

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. By this I.A., the applicants seek leave to appeal the learned Single Judge's judgment and order dated 20.12.2023 passed in W.P.(S) No. 3331 of 2023.
3. The application states that the applicants are affected by the impugned order even though, they were not made parties to W.P.(S) No. 3331 of 2023. The I.A. also demonstrates how the applicants are affected by the impugned order.
4. Accordingly, we allow this I.A. and grant the applicants leave to appeal as prayed for.
5. This I.A. is disposed of. Office to register the L.P.A.

I.A. No. 7629 of 2025

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
7. This I.A. seeks condonation of delay of 431 days in instituting the accompanying L.P.A. Though, the delay appears to be lengthy, the cause shown is sufficient and therefore, we are inclined to condone this delay. Brief reasons for this conclusion are set out hereafter.
8. The applicants challenge the learned Single Judge's order dated 20.12.2023 disposing of W.P.(S) No. 3331 of 2023. This order affects the applicants, though, they were not made parties to W.P.(S) No. 3331 of

2023. The applicants, on 12.01.2024 i.e. within less than 15 days, applied for certified copy of the impugned order which was delivered to them on 02.02.2024.

9. After obtaining the certified copy, on 21.02.2024 i.e. within less than 20 days, the applicants filed L.P.A. No. 101 of 2024 to challenge the order dated 20.12.2023 passed in W.P.(S) No. 3331 of 2023. The Division Bench, on 06.05.2024 stayed the operation of the order dated 20.12.2023.

10. However, on 29.08.2024 the L.P.A. was withdrawn with liberty to file a review petition. Soon thereafter i.e. on 13.09.2024 the applicants filed Civil Review No. 111 of 2024. Even in this review petition the status quo order was granted on 25.10.2024.

11. Ultimately, by order of 06.03.2025 Civil Review No. 111 of 2024 was dismissed. Again within 20 days of the dismissal of this review petition, the present L.P.A. has been filed.

12. In our judgment, this is not a case where the applicants were indolent or have slept over their rights. The applicants, have been agitating the issue diligently. In these circumstances, we are satisfied that there is sufficient cause shown by the applicants.

13. Accordingly, we condone the delay and dispose of this I.A.

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14. List this appeal for “Admission” on 7th April, 2026 along with L.P.A. No. 847 of 2025.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

March 10, 2026

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