

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 2668 of 2026

Lal Jagdhari Nath Sahdeo, S/o Late Lal Haldhar Nath Sahdeo, aged about 80 years, R/o House No.87, Dungri, Near Government School, PO-Hatia, Thana-Dhurwa, Dist-Ranchi.

... .. **Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. State of Jharkhand.
2. The Secretary, Department of Land Revenue, Registration & Land Reforms, Govt. of Jharkhand, having its office at Project Building, PO -Dhurwa, PS-Jagarnathpur, Dist-Ranchi.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi, PO, PS & Dist-Ranchi.
4. The Additional Collector, Ranchi, PO, PS & Dist-Ranchi.
5. The Deputy Commissioner, Land Reforms, Ranchi, PO, PS & Dist-Ranchi.
6. The District Panchayati Raj Officer cum In-charge officer record room, Ranchi, PO, PS & Dist-Ranchi.
7. The Circle Officer, Namkum, PO & PS-Namkum, Dist-Ranchi.
8. Paresh Nayak, Late Shive Prasad Nayak.
9. Ratan Kumar Nayak, S/o Late Jagdish Nayak, Res No.8 & 9 residents of village -Oberia, PO-Dhurwa, PS-Jagarnathpur, Dist-Ranchi.

... .. **Respondent(s)**

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Indrajit Sinha, Advocate
 Mr. Vishal Kr. Rai, Advocate
 For the Respondent(s) : Mr. Aditya Raman, AC to GA-III
 Mr. Shashank Shekher, Advocate

03/ 22nd April, 2026

1. Heard the parties.
2. The petitioner prays for the writ of certiorari, for quashing enquiry report dated 28.07.2025 (Annexure-6), whereby the long-standing Jamabandi in the name of the petitioner since 1979 has been sought to be doubted and interfered with.
3. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner was never noticed while preparing the enquiry report and nor the report was communicated to the petitioner. He submits that the petitioner will be prejudiced, if the same is used as evidence.
4. Considering the submission of the petitioner and after going through the documents, I find that what the petitioner is seeking to quash, is merely an enquiry report. An enquiry report can be used by either parties in any proceeding but the contents

thereof need to be proved and the same has to be proved in terms of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, (BSA) by following the procedure laid down therein. Thus, documents itself is cannot be treated to be admitted evidence. In any proceeding, where the enquiry report is sought to be used or utilized against any of the parties, it will be open to the parties who is relying on the enquiry report to get the same proved in terms of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, (BSA).

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

6. Pending IAs, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

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