

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (PIL) No. 2273 of 2026

Court on its Own Motion

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... Respondent

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Respondent:

Mr. Vibhor Mayank, A.C. to A.G.

05/02.07.2026

1. Despite our order dated 11.06.2026, the Chief Secretary has not filed a compliance affidavit. No application seeking extension of time has also been filed.
2. However, Mr. Vibhor Mayank, learned A.C. to A.G., points out that as per the direction issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and this Court, the State Monitoring Committee for management, reforms and governance of Open Correctional Institutes (OCIs) has been constituted vide the notification dated 24.06.2026. A copy of such notification is placed on record by Mr. Vibhor Mayank.
3. Further direction to the Chief Secretary was to furnish all the details regarding the management, reforms and governance of the OCIs in the State of Jharkhand. Mr. Vibhor Mayank submits that such affidavit would be filed by the Chief Secretary without delegating this work to any other officials on or before 20.07.2026.
4. Though Mr. Vibhor Mayank is asking for a shorter period, we grant time up to 20.07.2026 because to file this affidavit, the Chief Secretary will have to collect proper information about the functioning of these OCIs and other matters connected therewith.
5. We expect that the Chief Secretary will file a comprehensive affidavit detailing the factual position regarding OCIs and their functioning in the State of Jharkhand.

6. List this matter for further consideration on 29.07.2026 'High on Board.'

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

(RAJESH SHANKAR, J.)

02.07.2026
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