

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**  
**Criminal Appeal (DB) No. 132 of 1998 (R)**

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Prem Dan Jojo & Ors.	-----	... .. Appellants
	<b>Versus</b>	
State of Bihar (now Jharkhand)		... .. Respondent
	<b>With</b>	
	<b>Criminal Revision No. 162 of 1998 (R)</b>	
State of Bihar (now Jharkhand)		.... .. Appellant
	<b>Versus</b>	
Prem Dan Jojo & Ors.		... .. Opp. Parties

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN**

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For the State of Jharkhand : Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Public Prosecutor

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**10/Dated: 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

1. The instant cases were heard on 09.03.2026 and hearing being concluded, the judgment was reserved.
2. Subsequently, at the time of dictating the judgment, it came to the notice that the matter although was allowed to be argued by the learned *amicus curiae*, namely, Ms. Sugandha Khalkho but on verification of the orders passed in the instant cases, it appeared that the notice was not issued to the surviving appellants of Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 132 of 1998 (R)/opposite parties of Cr. Revision No. 162 of 1998 (R) for engaging counsel of their own choice.
3. This Court, therefore, thought it proper to recall the order dated 09.03.2026 so as to issue notice upon the surviving appellants of Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 132 of 1998 (R)/opposite parties of Cr. Revision No. 162 of 1998 (R) on whose behalf, the arguments were concluded by the learned *amicus curiae*.
4. Accordingly, the order dated 09.03.2026 is hereby, recalled.
5. Office is directed to issue notice upon the surviving appellants of Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 132 of 1998 (R)/opposite parties of Cr. Revision No. 162 of 1998 (R), namely, Prem Dan Jojo and Aniket Jojo and handover

the same to Mr. Pankaj Kumar, learned Public Prosecutor who, in turn, shall get the notices served through the concerned police station having jurisdiction.

6. Office is also directed to enclose the copy of the order passed by this Court, while issuing notice, enabling the surviving appellants/opposite parties to have the knowledge of the pending proceeding of the cases and if so advised, to engage counsel of their own choice.
7. Let an affidavit be filed by the learned Public Prosecutor on the issue of service of notice upon the surviving appellants of Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 132 of 1998 (R)/opposite parties of Cr. Revision No. 162 of 1998 (R).
8. Let these cases be listed on 04.05.2026.

**(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)**

**(Deepak Roshan, J.)**

06<sup>th</sup> April, 2026  
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