

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

Prem Dan Jojo & Ors. ... Appellants

Versus

State of Bihar (now Jharkhand) ... Respondent

With

Cr. Revision No. 162 of 1998(R)

State of Bihar (now Jharkhand) ... Appellant

Versus

Prem Dan Jojo & Ors. ... Respondents

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

For the Appellants	: Ms. Sugandha Khalkho, <i>Amicus</i> [In Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 132/1998(R)]
For the State	: Mr. Pankaj Kumar, P.P. [In both the cases]
For the Opp. Parties	: Ms. Sugandha Khalkho, <i>Amicus</i> [In Cr. Rev. No. 162/1998(R)]

11/Dated: 4th May, 2026

1. Reference may be made to the order dated 6th April, 2026 by which we have issued 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 & Aniket Jojo.
2. The steps for service of notice have been taken by Mr. Pankaj Kumar, learned Public Prosecutor.
3. The aforesaid order clearly reflects that the purpose of issuing notice upon is that 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.
4. Mr. Pankaj Kumar, learned Public Prosecutor has submitted that the

affidavit in terms of the aforesaid order has been filed on 28.04.2026.

5. It has been pointed out by the learned Public Prosecutor that the knowledge about the pending proceeding is already available which would be evident from the affidavit filed by the State on 11.08.2025.
6. Again, the notice has been served, as has been brought by way of an affidavit dated 28.04.2026. It has been submitted by referring to Para 5 & 6 thereof that the notice has been served upon the appellants Prem Dan Jojo and Aniket Jojo on 21.04.2026 & 17.04.2026, respectively intimating about the pendency of the present case, but as per the office note, no endeavour has been taken to engage counsel of their own.
7. This Court, after having granted such opportunity to both the appellants and they have not chosen to do so by engaging counsel of their own choice, is having no option but to proceed with the matter for hearing.
8. As such, list this matter under the heading for "Hearing" on 7th May, 2026 at 2:15 p.m.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

4th May, 2026
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