

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI  
W.P (PIL) No. 2375 of 2024**

Taleshwar Mahto and Others ... .. Petitioners  
Versus

The State of Jharkhand through the Chief Secretary and Others  
... .. Respondents

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

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For the Petitioners: Dr (Mrs) Vandana Singh, Advocate  
For the Resp.-State: Mr Rajiv Ranjan, A.G  
Mr Piyush Chitresh, A.C to A.G  
For the Resp.-JSSC: Mr Sanjoy Piprawall, Advocate  
Mr Prince Kumar, Advocate  
Mr Jay Prakash, Advocate  
Mr Rakesh Ranjan, Advocate  
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**12/Dated: 07.05.2026**

1. Heard Dr Vandana Singh, who appears for the petitioners, learned Advocate General, who appears with Mr Piyush Chitresh for the State, and who appears for the JSSC.
2. Dr Vandana Singh, on instructions, states that the I. As filed in this petition are not being pressed. Accordingly, these I. As are disposed of with liberty to the petitioners to substantially challenge the decision to hold a re-examination.
3. Even otherwise, such I.As would not be maintainable because W.P (PIL) No. 2375 of 2024 has already been disposed of by order dated 07.08.2025. The matter was kept only for reporting compliance.
4. Although there has been a deviation from the timeline set out in paragraph 5 of our order dated 07.08.2025, we are satisfied that there has been substantial compliance.

5. Between 15.01.2026 and 20.02.2026, examinations were held in which almost 24,000 candidates appeared. There was an issue with 2,819 candidates, and, with respect to those candidates, re-examination has been ordered. Re-examination has been scheduled on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2026.
6. About 40-50 of the 2819 candidates filed writ petitions and applied for a stay of the re-examination. By a separate order made in W.P (S) No. 2934 of 2026 and connected matters, this prayer for interim relief has already been declined.
7. The Learned Advocate General states that re-examination will now be conducted on the appointed dates, and the entire process up to the stage of sending the recommendation for the appointment of candidates to the Department will now be completed by 01<sup>st</sup> of July 2026. This statement is accepted, and the earlier granted time limit is proportionately extended to 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2026.
8. By the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 2026, a compliance report must be filed in this matter, although it has already been disposed of.

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

**(Rajesh Shankar, J.)**

**May 07, 2026**

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