

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P. (PIL) No.2253 of 2024

Court on its Own Motion

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand & Ors. Respondents.

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

For the Intervenor/Applicant : In Person

Amicus curiae : Mr. Sumeet Gadodia, Advocate
[Through V.C.]

Ms. Shruti Shekhar, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Gaurav Raj, A.C. to A.A.G.-II

For the JHALSA : Mr. Atanu Banerjee, Advocate

Order No.28

Date: 04.05.2026

1. Heard Ms. Padma Baraik, intervenor/applicant, who appears in person; Mr. Sumeet Gadodia, learned amicus curiae; Mr. Gaurav Raj, learned A.C. to A.A.G.-II; and Mr. Atanu Banerjee, learned counsel for the JHALSA.
2. Ms. Baraik, after the matter was posted for filing of notes by the *amicus curiae* and the State so that the public interest issues would be disposed of, mentioned the matter before the co-ordinate Bench by citing urgency. The co-ordinate Bench, therefore, directed the matter to be placed before this Bench.
3. Ms. Baraik has raised certain issues, which are entirely personal to her and, therefore, in terms of the order of the co-ordinate Bench made on 24th September, 2025 cannot be looked into in this public interest litigation. However, liberty has been granted to Ms. Baraik to raise this issue before the appropriate forum and that liberty is even today reiterated.
4. Learned *amicus curiae* and Mr. Gaurav Raj have already filed their notes.

5. Ms. Baraik states that she will file her notes on the public interest issues within ten days from today i.e., on or before 14th May, 2026.
6. Mr. Banerjee states that if any notes on behalf of the JHALSA are considered necessary to be filed, then the same would be filed on or before 14th May, 2026.
7. The matter is reserved "For Orders".

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

4th May, 2026
Sanjay/Rohit
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