

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cont. Case (Civil) No.416 of 2024

Ranjit Bihari Prasad.

... .. **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand & Ors.

... .. **Opposite Parties**

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Advocate

For the O.P. (s) : Mrs. Amrita Banerjee, AC to GP-I

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It has become a habit of the State to file Letters Patent Appeal (L.P.A.) after a much delay to avoid initiation of contempt proceeding.

2. In this case, the order dated 15.01.2024 passed in W.P.(S) No.6172 of 2022 is sought to be violated. As the order was not complied with, the petitioner filed this Contempt case on 07.05.2024.

3. This contempt case was listed on 14.01.2025, on which date, at the request of learned counsel representing the opposite parties for compliance of the Court's order, the case was adjourned. No L.P.A. was filed before that date. Thereafter, on 25.06.2025, the L.P.A. was filed, which was numbered as L.P.A. No.665 of 2025.

4. This contempt case was again listed on 12.09.2025, when the matter was adjourned. On 31.10.2025, the opposite parties brought to the notice of this Court about filing of the L.P.A. No.665 of 2025.

5. Today, when the matter is listed, learned counsel representing the opposite parties submits that they have removed

the defects in L.P.A. No.665 of 2025, but the matter has not yet been listed. This clearly shows the lethargic attitude of the State. The intention of the State is to delay the entire process and gain time.

6. Be it noted that in the initial order, timeframe was fixed and admittedly the opposite parties had not complied the order within the timeframe and by this circuitous method, is trying to gain time. Be it noted that the opposite parties also did not file any application in the writ petition which was disposed of, praying therein to extend the time. This clearly gives an impression that the intention of the opposite parties is not fair and in fact by not complying the order dated 15.01.2024 passed in W.P.(S) No.6172 of 2022 within the time so framed by this Court, the opposite parties have committed contempt.

7. Thus, issue notice of contempt to opposite party Nos.2, 3, 4 & 5. The petitioner is directed to take steps for issuance of notice of contempt upon opposite party Nos.2, 3, 4 & 5. Requisites to be filed through speed post as well as by ordinary process, for which requisites etc., must be filed by 16th January, 2026.

8. A copy of this order will be communicated to opposite party Nos.2, 3, 4 & 5, along with the notice.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)