

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

L.P.A. No. 295 of 2024

State of Jharkhand & Another. Appellants

Versus

Samuel Dungdung & Others Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

For the Appellants : Mr. Aditya Kumar, AC to Sr.SC.-I

8/ Dated 16.01.2026 Yesterday, an adjournment was applied for in this matter.

Upon our query, whether the order of 08.02.2023, which is appealed against, has been complied with, learned counsel for the appellants sought for time to take instructions. Accordingly, the matter was posted today.

2. Today, learned counsel for the appellants reports that the order, which is impugned, has till date, not been complied with. The impugned order was made on 08.02.2023 and had directed the reinstatement of the petitioner (respondent no.1 herein) without any back wages.

3. Almost three years have passed. There is no stay granted by the Appeal Court. As such, we see no justification in the appellants not complying with the order of reinstatement, possibly on the only ground that the L.P.A. is pending. In the pending L.P.A., which was filed after delay of 486 days, adjournments are being applied for.

4. Accordingly, we direct the appellants to reinstate the respondent no. 1, latest by 20th of January, 2026 and report compliance on 21st of January, 2026. If this is not done, the Director General of Police, State of Jharkhand, who, we are told, is responsible for issuing the reinstatement order, may be called upon to personally attend the Court and explain the non-compliance. Further, we may have to consider whether the

D.G.P. or the other Official responsible for complying with the Court's order, should be directed to personally pay the salary and other benefits that the respondent no.1 would have drawn had he been reinstated within a reasonable period from making of the impugned order dated 08.02.2023. Prime facie, for the dereliction of the duty of the compliance, neither the respondent no.1, who has secured the Court's order nor the tax payers will be made to suffer.

5. However, the reinstatement will be subject to the outcome of the present appeal.

6. We post this matter on 21st January, 2026 for reporting compliance.

7. Learned counsel for the appellants is requested to immediately communicate this order to the Director General of Police, State of Jharkhand, so that there is no further delay in compliance.

8. All concerned must act on the authenticated copy of this order.

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

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

January 16, 2026

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