

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

M. A. No. 115 of 2026

Anand Lahakar ... Appellant
Versus
Ratan Munda & Another Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

For the Appellant: Mr. Vishal Kumar Rai, Advocate

02/Dated: 03.07.2026

1. Heard Mr. Vishal Kumar Rai, learned counsel for the appellant.

2. On 30.01.2026, this Court, made the following order:-

"1. The defects are waived.

2. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 20.02.2026. The applicant / appellant to take steps.

3. Learned counsel for the appellant states that the matter has already been settled before the District Legal Service Authority at Ranchi, and, therefore, could be disposed of once the respondents appeared. He agrees to place the minutes of settlement on record."

3. Today, Mr Vishal Kumar Rai seeks leave to withdraw this appeal by again pointing out that matter has been settled. He places the minutes of settlement on record.

4. From the perusal of the minutes, it records that some cash payment has been made to the claimants and the cheque issued to them has been taken back. The settlement memo only contains thumb impressions of the alleged claimants.

5. According to me, the position regards settlement and payment needs to be verified. Accordingly, it will not be safe to allow withdrawal of this appeal at this stage. The Secretary, D.L.S.A., Khunti is directed to contact Mr Ratan Munda and Mrs Ridadi Devi wife of Mr Ratan Munda residents of village Kundi Batoli, P.O. Ithe, P.S. Murhu, District-Khunti, if necessary, by taking the assistance of the local

police and ascertain whether they have received the compensation in terms of the settlement memo dated 13.12.2025.

6. The Registry to send a copy of this order along with copy of the settlement memo dated 13.12.2025 which is now placed on record to the Secretary, D.L.S.A., Khunti. The Secretary, D.L.S.A., Khunti must file a report in this matter on or before 5th August, 2026.

7. List the matter on 7th August, 2026 for 'Orders'.

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

03.07.2026

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