

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (PIL) No. 2026 of 2021

Anurag Kumar Rai and Another... .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Jharkhand and others Respondents

WITH

W.P. (PIL) No. 3771 of 2017

WITH

W.P. (PIL) No. 4417 of 2018

WITH

W.P. (PIL) No. 115 of 2019

WITH

W.P. (PIL) No. 657 of 2019

WITH

W.P. (PIL) No. 2198 of 2021

CORAM:

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

For the Petitioners:

Ms. Vipul Divya, Advocate
Mr. Rajeev Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Vijay Ranjan Sinha, Advocate
Mr. Mohammad Asghar, Advocate
Mr. A.K. Rashidi, Advocate
Md. Azam, Advocate
Ms. Aulia Begum, Advocate
Mrs. Sunita Kumari, Advocate

For the Respondents:

Mr. Sachin Kumar, A.A.G.-II
Mr. Rahul Saboo, G.P.-II
Mr. Bhanu Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Sr. C.G.C.
Mrs. Richa Sanchita, Advocate

16/Dated: 11.08.2025

1. Mr. Bhanu Kumar, learned counsel for the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, would argue that its role is confined to granting of environmental clearances and thereafter it comes to an end.

2. However, we have confronted the learned counsel with a number of documents which go to indicate that apart from the role of the Authority prior to the environmental clearances, it has number of obligations post environmental clearances and that is clearly evident

from the counter affidavit filed on its behalf, more particularly, page 71 onwards, which make it obligatory on this respondent (respondent no.8) to not only check the ambient quality of the air, but even water quality, etc.

3. Confronted with this, the learned counsel for respondent no.8 prays for and is granted two weeks' time to file a better affidavit.

4. Needless to say that the better affidavit shall indicate the compliance, if any, made by the said respondent regarding the obligations it has to carry out post operational industrial units.

5. List on 27.08.2025.

(Tarlok Singh Chauhan, C.J.)

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)