

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

W.P.(Cr.) No. 166 of 2019

Ishwar Chand Mahto		 Petitioner
	-- Versus --	
The State of Jharkhand and Others		 Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner	:-	Mr. Sanjay Kr.Pandey-2, Advocate
For the State	:-	Mr. Sreenu Garapati, Advocate

7/03.10.2023 The learned counsel appearing for the respondent State made preliminary objection with regard to the maintainability of the criminal writ petition in a proceeding arising out of confiscation case arising out of Indian Forest Act. He submits that only civil writ is maintainable as the criminal proceeding as well as confiscation proceedings both are separate.

2. It appears that this issue is already set at rest and several cases are filed under the civil writ jurisdiction.

3. In view of that, the learned counsel for the petitioner seeks permission to convert this criminal writ petition in civil writ petition.

4. Permission is granted.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he will convert it in course of the day.

6. Let him do so and place the same before the appropriate Bench.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

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