

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.5670 of 2023

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Ishwar Chand Mahto @ Ishwar Chandra Mahto		Petitioner
Versus		
The State of Jharkhand through the Secretary, Forest and Environment, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi & Ors.		Respondents

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Petitioner	: Mr. Sanjay Kr. Pandey 2, Adv.
For the State	: Mr. Indranil Bhaduri, SC-IV

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08/26.08.2025

1. Learned counsel for the State is directed to come prepared on the issue that “Whether there is any material on record to suggest that the coal in question is forest produce i.e. it has been extracted from any forest area?”
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has been acquitted in the criminal case.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner is also directed to bring on record the judgment of acquittal.
4. As jointly prayed for, put up this case on 09.09.2025.
5. Let the name of Mr. Indranil Bhaduri, learned counsel, be reflected in the cause list on behalf of the State.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)