

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P.(C) No. 4113 of 2026

M/s. Shivam Traders (a Proprietorship firm), having its office at House No. 63, Ward No. 5, Bhandaro, Post-Margomunda, P.S. Mahjori, District Deoghar, PIN 815353 (Jharkhand), through its Proprietor Satrugan Mandal, aged about 46 years, son of Pitambar Mandal, resident of House No. 63, Ward No. 5, Bhandaro, Post-Margomunda, P.S. Mahjori. District Deoghar, PIN 815353 (Jharkhand).

..... Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Jharkhand, through the Secretary, Department of Mines and Geology, having its office at Yojna Bhawan (Nepal House), P.O. and P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi, PIN 834004 (Jharkhand).
2. Director of Mines, Department of Mines and Geology, having its office at Yojna Bhawan (Nepal House), P.O. and P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi, PIN 834004 (Jharkhand).
3. Deputy Commissioner, Deoghar, having its office at District Collectorate, Deoghar, P.O. and P.S. Deoghar, District Deoghar.
4. District Mining Officer, Deoghar, having its office at District Collectorate, Deoghar, P.O. and P.S. Deoghar, District Deoghar.

..... Respondents

With

W.P.(C) No. 4159 of 2026

POWER MECH PROJECTS LIMITED, (An ISO 14001:2015, ISO 9001:2015 & ISO 45001:2018 Certified Company), having its registered and corporate office at Plot No. 77, Jubilee Enclave, Opp: Hitex, Madhapur, Hyderabad, P.O. and P.S. Hyderabad, District Hyderabad, PIN 500081 (Telangana), through its Authorized Signatory, namely, Kambhampati Satyanarayana, aged about 68 years, son of Late Kambhampati Tata Rao, resident of 1-2-30/RH- 201, Rohitha Residency, Nizampet Road, Near SBH, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, P.O. and P.S. Hyderabad, District Hyderabad (State-Telanagna).

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5. The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), through its Member Secretary, having its office at Aarya Enclave, Govindnagar, Tilta, Ratu, P.O. and P.S. Ratu, District Ranchi, Jharkhand-835222.

..... Respondents

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

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For the Resp.-SEIAA : Mr Bhanu Kumar, Advocate
Mr Pabhakaran Munda, Advocate
Mr Anuj Sarwesh, Advocate

02 /Dated: 18.06.2026

1. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.
2. Learned counsel for the parties agree that both these petitions can be disposed of by a common order.
3. In W.P.(C) No. 4113 of 2026, the petitioner has fairly admitted that it seeks a lease for stone mining at a location, which is 360 meters from the boundary of the reserved forest / protected forest.
4. In W.P.(C) No. 4159 of 2026, the petitioner has fairly admitted that it seeks environmental clearance from SEIAA for grant of mining lease at a location, which is 389 meters from the boundary of the reserved forest/ protected forest.
5. Considering our orders dated 16.04.2026 and 28.04.2026 in W.P.(PIL) No. 3950 of 2024 and our judgment and order dated 07.05.2026 in W.P.(PIL) No. 290 of 2013, the reliefs under the prayer cannot be granted. However, Mr Gadodia points out that the petitioners had filed for intervention in W.P.(PIL) No. 3950 of 2024 and would be urging for vacation of the orders made therein.
6. If and when, there is any modification of the orders made in W.P.(PIL) No. 3950 of 2024 and W.P.(PIL) No. 290 of 2013, we grant the

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petitioners liberty to file a fresh petition to press for the reliefs requested in these petitions.

7. Both these petitions are disposed of with liberty in the above terms and without any order for costs.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

June 18, 2026
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