

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

F.A. No. 303 of 2026

Chamu Munda & Another	...	...	Appellants
Versus			
Deputy Commissioner, Ramgarh & Anr.	...	...	Respondents
With			

**F.A. No. 298 of 2026; F.A. No. 300 of 2026; F.A. No. 304 of 2026;
F.A. No. 343 of 2026; F.A. No. 344 of 2026; F.A. No. 345 of 2026;
F.A. No. 346 of 2026; F.A. No. 348 of 2026; F.A. No. 349 of 2026;
F.A. No. 350 of 2026; F.A. No. 351 of 2026; F.A. No. 352 of 2026;
F.A. No. 353 of 2026; F.A. No. 354 of 2026; F.A. No. 364 of 2026;
F.A. No. 365 of 2026; F.A. No. 369 of 2026; F.A. No. 370 of 2026;
F.A. No. 371 of 2026; F.A. No. 372 of 2026; F.A. No. 373 of 2026;
F.A. No. 374 of 2026; F.A. No. 375 of 2026; F.A. No. 376 of 2026;
F.A. No. 394 of 2026; F.A. No. 395 of 2026; F.A. No. 396 of 2026;
F.A. No. 397 of 2026; F.A. No. 417 of 2026; F.A. No. 418 of 2026;
F.A. No. 419 of 2026;**

F.A. (Filing) No. 6144 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 6404 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 6407 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 6408 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 6409 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 6410 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 6411 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 8025 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 8026 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 8029 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 8030 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 8031 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 8032 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 8033 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 8034 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 8035 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 8036 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 8037 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 8659 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 8662 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 8674 of 2026; F.A. (Filing) No. 8683 of 2026;
F.A. (Filing) No. 8685 of 2026.

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06/27th August 2026

1. Heard the learned counsels for the parties on the interlocutory application seeking condonation of delay.
2. It is submitted that all these cases, at serial nos. 2 to 56 of the cause list, arise out of land acquisition proceeding where applications seeking for enhancement of compensation were filed before the learned court. The learned court has allowed the application seeking enhancement only to a limited extent and accordingly the appellants are seeking enhancement.

Sl. No. 2 to 33 (first appeals mentioned in the following chart)

3. The cases listed from Sl. No. 2 to 33 of the cause list are barred by limitation. The following chart, as submitted by the learned counsel for the appellants, would show the delay with which the appeals have been filed: -

Sl. No.	Case Number	I.A. No.	Delay in Filing the Appeal
1	F.A. No. 303/2026	I.A. No. 7145 of 2026	372 days
2	F.A. No. 298/2026	I.A. No. 4605 of 2026	341 days
3	F.A. No. 300/2026	I.A. No. 7146 of 2026	341 days
4	F.A. No. 304/2026	I.A. No. 7147 of 2026	341 days
5	F.A. No. 343/2026	I.A. No. 9009 of 2026	419 days
6	F.A. No. 344/2026	I.A. No. 8927 of 2026	387 days
7	F.A. No. 345/2026	I.A. No. 8888 of 2026	418 days
8	F.A. No. 346/2026	I.A. No. 8875 of 2026	387 days
9	F.A. No. 348/2026	I.A. No. 8909 of 2026	387 days
10	F.A. No. 349/2026	I.A. No. 8887 of 2026	387 days
11	F.A. No. 350/2026	I.A. No. 8877 of 2026	418 days

12	F.A. No. 351/2026	I.A. No. 8885 of 2026	387 days
13	F.A. No. 352/2026	I.A. No. 9010 of 2026	388 days
14	F.A. No. 353/2026	I.A. No. 9011 of 2026	419 days
15	F.A. No. 354/2026	I.A. No. 9008 of 2026	388 days
16	F.A. No. 364/2026	I.A. No. 9007 of 2026	388 days
17	F.A. No. 365/2026	I.A. No. 9012 of 2026	388 days
18	F.A. No. 369/2026	I.A. No. 8994 of 2026	388 days
19	F.A. No. 370/2026	I.A. No. 8995 of 2026	388 days
20	F.A. No. 371/2026	I.A. No. 8781 of 2026	386 days
21	F.A. No. 372/2026	I.A. No. 8782 of 2026	386 days
22	F.A. No. 373/2026	I.A. No. 8801 of 2026	386 days
23	F.A. No. 374/2026	I.A. No. 8763 of 2026	386 days
24	F.A. No. 375/2026	I.A. No. 8803 of 2026	386 days
25	F.A. No. 376/2026	I.A. No. 9184 of 2026	386 days
26	F.A. No. 394/2026	I.A. No. 8874 of 2026	418 days
27	F.A. No. 395/2026	I.A. No. 9006 of 2026	388 days
28	F.A. No. 396/2026	I.A. No. 9793 of 2026	401 days
29	F.A. No. 397/2026	I.A. No. 9106 of 2026	390 days
30	F.A. No. 417/2026	I.A. No. 6277 of 2026	326 days
31	F.A. No. 418/2026	I.A. No. 6625 of 2026	326 days
32	F.A. No. 419/2026	I.A. No. 6276 of 2026	326 days

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4. With respect to the interlocutory applications seeking condonation of delay in each of the aforesaid cases, the learned counsel for the appellants has referred to paragraph 4 of the each interlocutory application to submit that all the appellants are farmers and that they have no source of income to bear the expenses in filing the first appeal before this Court because the enhanced awarded amount has not been paid to them, so they started arrange the money for filing the first appeal and thereafter on or about 4th May, 2026 applied for certified copies of the common judgment passed on 24th February 2025 and received the certified copy on 11th May 2026 and ultimately they filed the cases before this Court without any

further delay. The learned counsel has also referred to paragraph 9 of the interlocutory applications to submit that the delay in filing these appeals is not intentional, rather it is due to poverty of the appellants and therefore the delay in filing these appeals be condoned. The learned counsel submits that similar averments have been made in paragraph 4 and 9 of the each interlocutory application seeking condonation of delay. Paragraph 4 and 9 of the interlocutory application are quoted as under: -

“4. That it is submitted that all the appellants are farmers. They have no source of income to bear the expenses in filing first appeal before Hon'ble High Court, because enhanced award amount has not been paid to them. So they started arrange money for filing first appeal.

9. That the delay occurred in filing this appeal is not intentional, rather it is due to poverty of appellants, as such the appellants pray that the delay be condoned and the first appeal be heard of merit as they very good case.”

5. ***Learned counsels appearing on behalf of the State*** have opposed the prayer for condonation of delay and submitted that the delay in filing these appeals has not been duly explained. The explanation, which has been given to the interlocutory application, is not acceptable. The learned counsels have submitted that the judgment was passed on 24.02.2025, award was prepared on 20.03.2025, the application for certified copy was filed in the month of May/June 2026, the certified copy was received on 11.05.2026 and then the appeals have been filed. The learned counsels have submitted that it is not correct to say that all are farmers. However, the averments made in paragraph 4 and 9 of the interlocutory application seeking condonation of delay are not in dispute.

6. ***After hearing the learned counsel for the parties*** and considering the fact that the present proceeding is First Appeal arising out of land acquisition and it is not in dispute that the enhanced compensation amount has not been paid to the appellants; it has been asserted that the appellants being poor persons were not in a position to arrange the money for filing the appeal and therefore they had taken sometime to arrange the money and then challenge the award before this Court, this court is

satisfied with the cause shown and therefore the interlocutory applications seeking condonation of delay in each of the aforesaid appeals are hereby allowed and the delay in filing these appeals are condoned.

F.A. (F) No. 6144 of 2026 at Sl. No. 34

7. With respect to F.A. (F) No. 6144 of 2026, the learned counsel for the appellants prays for time to file appropriate interlocutory application annexing therewith a copy of the death certificate and also the family tree of the deceased.

Serials nos. 35 to 56 (cases listed with filing numbers which are still defective)

8. With respect to serials nos. 35 to 56, the learned counsel for the appellants prays for time to file supplementary affidavit annexing therewith a copy of the death certificate and also the family tree of the deceased.

Sl. Nos. 34 to 56 (cases listed with filing numbers which are still defective)

9. Since the cases in filing number (Sl. Nos. 34 to 56) are not ready for hearing, these cases are directed to be segregated and to be listed on **24th September 2026** in the supplementary cause list.

Serial nos. 2 to 33 (first appeals mentioned in the above chart)

10. So far as the First Appeals at serial nos. 2 to 33 are concerned, the records have already been received.

11. These cases are **admitted**.

12. Respondents have already appeared.

13. Post these cases for final disposal on **2nd September 2026** in the supplementary cause list.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

Dated: 27.08.2026

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