

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No. 1608 of 2026

1. Sahadur Oraon, S/o Sadhnu Oraon residence of Village-Chainpur, PO & PS- Peshrar, Dist-Lohardaga, Jharkhand.
2. Saheba Oraon, S/o Amin Oraon, Residence of Village-Chainpur, PO & PS- Peshrar, Dist-Lohardaga, Jharkhand.

... .. **Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand, officiating from Nepal House, Doranda, PO & PS-Doranda, Dist-Ranchi.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, officiating from Latehar, PO & PS-Latehar, Dist-Latehar.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division-Latehar officiating from Latehar, PO & PS-Latehar, Dist-Latehar.

... .. **Respondent(s)**

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sourabh Kr. Das, Advocate
 Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Advocate
 For the Respondent(s) : Mr. Abhijeet Anand, AC to Sr. SC-I

02/ 18th March, 2026

1. Heard the parties.
2. The petitioners by filing this writ petition, has made the following prayers:-

"(i) For issuance of an appropriate writ(s), order(s), or direction(s), directing respondent No.4 (Divisional Forest Officer, Latehar) to show cause as to why and under what circumstances the petitioners' application for grant of permission to cut/remove sal trees and further for issuance of a transit permit for the same standing on their raiyati (non-forest) land, has not been acted upon, despite submission of all requisite documents and representations.

(ii) For issuance of direction to the respondents to forthwith consider and dispose of the petitioners' application dated 16.12.2023, and to grant permission for cutting/removing and transportation of the Sal trees, within a reasonable time frame and in accordance with law."

3. It is the case of the petitioners that upon their raiyati land, there are Sal trees which the petitioners want to cut/remove. It is the case of the petitioners that they have applied for permission but the respondents have not taken any steps.
4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State on instructions relies upon the counter-affidavit and submits that there was some discrepancy in their application which was

returned to the petitioners. The petitioners have not submitted the rectified application. He submits that once the rectified application is submitted by the petitioners, the department will take appropriate steps and will pass an order on their application.

5. Considering the said submission, I disposed of this writ petition with a direction to the respondents that as and when the petitioners file a proper application, the same will be considered as per law and an appropriate order as per law would be passed and communicated to the petitioners.

6. With the aforesaid observations, this writ petition stands **disposed of**.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

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