

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
L.P.A. No. 494 of 2025

Robert Prabhat Minz Appellant

Versus

The State of Jharkhand and others	...	...	...	Respondents
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**CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR**

For the Appellant:	In Person
For the Respondents:	Mr Rahul Kamlesh, A.C to S.C-IV
For the Resp.-HPCL:	Mr Sahbaj Akhtar, Advocate
	Mr Vincent Marki, Advocate

Order No. 03/Dated: 13.04.2026

I.A. Nos. 17325 of 2025 and 4722 of 2026

1. Heard Mr Robert Prabhat Minz, who appears in person and Mr Rahul Kamlesh, A.C to S.C-IV for the State.
2. These I.As seek early hearing of the appeal which was admitted on 25.11.2025. Mr Minz has relied upon the notice dated 07.07.2025 published by the Registrar (Judicial). He has also filed an affidavit to the effect that he is indeed a senior citizen and based on the notice dated 07.07.2025, his case is required to be listed on priority basis under the category of “Targeted Cases”.
3. The notice dated 07.07.2025 issued by the then Registrar (Judicial) reads as follows:

“It is for information to all concerned that the Learned Advocates of the petitioners relating to Senior Citizens or persons suffering from terminal illness may file an affidavit supported with relevant documents in this regard before the undersigned, so that the cases of Senior Citizens or parties suffering from terminal illness may be taken-up on a priority basis under the category of TARGETED CASES in the cause list. Further, the learned Advocates/petitioners filing fresh cases where the petitioners are Senior Citizens or terminally ill persons, may file the petition with relevant supporting documents , in order to take-up their matters on a priority basis”

4. This notice is based upon the decision of Hon'ble the then Chief Justice reflected in the note dated 24.06.2025. This note concerns the Model Action Plan for reduction of Arrears in the High Court and suggests that in terms of the Model Action Plan, about ten types of cases would come under the purview of "Targeted Cases".

5. One of the categories, which is relevant in the context of the present case reads as follows:-

“iii. Cases of Senior Citizens in which party is suffering from terminal illness and pension related matters.”

6. The above quoted notice published by the Registrar (Judicial), is not consistent with the decision of Hon'ble the then Chief Justice. The notice seems to suggest that the petition relating to senior citizens “or” persons suffering from terminal illness would be categorized as “Targeted Cases” upon their filing an affidavit.

7. The decision of Hon'ble the Chief Justice dated 24.06.2025 is quite clear, in that cases of senior citizens in which the parties are suffering from terminal illness and pension related matters would be classified or categorized as “Targeted Cases”. On account of introduction of proposition “or” several parties are claiming the status of “Targeted Cases” for the matters in which they are involved. This is obviously on account of inconsistency in the wordings of the notice dated 07.07.2025 and the decision of Hon'ble the then Chief Justice dated 24.06.2025. The notice, in fact, should have aligned with the decision, but in the present case, it is not so.

8. For the above reasons, these applications are rejected. However, It is clarified that the matter will get priority which is otherwise

assigned to matters of senior citizens, according to the year in which such matters are filed.

9. Further, the Registrar (Judicial) is directed to immediately withdraw the notice dated 07.07.2025 and publish a fresh notice, which shall be consistent with the decision of Hon'ble the then Chief Justice dated 24.06.2025. The Central Project Coordinator (CPC) will also have to do the necessary changes in the CIS Software and such changes should also be done as expeditiously as possible.

10. These I.As. are disposed of in the above terms.

11. List this appeal for final hearing on 12th October, 2026.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

April 13, 2026
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