

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cont. Case (Civil) No. 1158 of 2025

Nand Bihari Panda

..... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand

2. Mr. Hans Hembram, Circle Officer, Tamar, Ranchi Opposite Parties

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner:

Mr. Vishal Kumar, Advocate

For O.P.No.2:

Mr. Anish Mishra, A.C to Sr. S.C-I

05/24.04.2026 The present contempt application has been filed against the O.P.No.2 alleging wilful disobedience and non-compliance of the order dated 27.03.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No. 1433/2025.

2. On perusal of the record, it appears that the present case was earlier taken up on 19.09.2025 and on the said date, learned counsel for the O.P.No.2 prayed for and was allowed three weeks' time to file show cause/compliance affidavit.

3. The case was thereafter taken up on 16.01.2026 and on that date, learned counsel for the petitioner again prayed for and was allowed two weeks' more time by way of last indulgence to file show cause affidavit.

4. Since no show cause was filed despite time granted to the O.P.No.2, this Court vide order dated 10.04.2026, directed the O.P.No.2 to remain physically present before this Court on the next date fixed i.e. today.

5. Pursuant to the order dated 10.04.2026, Mr. Samaresh Prasad Bhandary, C.O, Tamar, Ranchi (the O.P.No.2) is physically present before this Court.

6. A show cause affidavit dated 17.04.2026 has been filed on the behalf of the O.P.No.2, paragraph 5 of which reads as under:

'5. That it is humbly stated and submitted that in compliance of the order dated 27.03.2025, the answering opposite party No.2 initiated Double Jamabandi Case No. 01/2026-27 on the representation of the petitioner and issued notice to the both

parties in terms of order dated 10.04.2026 and has fixed the case for 18.04.2026.”

7. It would thus be evident that this Court vide order dated 27.03.2025 passed in W.P.(C) No. 1433/2025, had directed the opposite party No.2 to dispose of the petitioner’s representation within two months. According to learned counsel for the petitioner, the said representation was filed on 28.04.2025. Therefore, as per the said direction, the O.P.No.2 had to pass an appropriate order latest by 28.06.2025.

8. It is quite surprising that the O.P.No.2 has initiated a proceeding pursuant to the petitioner’s representation as late as on 10.04.2026 that too, only when the O.P.No.2 was directed to remain physically present before this Court.

9. Under the said circumstances, this Court is of the prima-facie view that the O.P.No.2 has intentionally and deliberately disobeyed this Court’s order dated 27.03.2025 passed in W.P.(C) No. 1433/2025.

10. However, at the request of learned counsel for the O.P.No.2, the said opposite party is granted three weeks’ more time to file compliance affidavit.

11. Considering the aforesaid conduct of the O.P.No.2, he is directed not to draw his monthly salary till further order.

12. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand as well as the Secretary, Department of Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.

13. Put up this case on 12.06.2026 under the heading ‘Orders’.

14. The O.P.No.2 shall remain physically present before this Court on the next date fixed.