

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (PIL) No. 3764 of 2022

Jharkhand State Bar Council Petitioner

Versus

State of Jharkhand and others Respondents

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

Amicus Curiae: Mr. V.P. Singh, Sr. Advocate
For the Petitioner: Mr. R. Krishna, Advocate
Mr. Pratyush Shounikya, Advocate
For the Respondents: Mr. Jai Prakash, A.A.G.-IA
Mr. Yogesh Modi, A.C. to A.A.G.-IA

21/Dated: 15.10.2025

1. On 09.09.2025, this Court passed the following orders:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner prays for and is granted two weeks’ time to file a supplementary affidavit with regard to the revenue generated from the Court Fees for the financial years 2010-2011 to 2020-2021, more particularly as to why there is a declining trend of revenue generated in the tabulated statement available at page 16 of the counter affidavit dated 13.08.2025 filed on behalf of respondent No. 3, more particularly when the litigation over the years has only increased manifold and as a matter of fact, forms the basis and justification for enhancement of the Court Fees.

List on 23.09.2025.”

2. The learned Advocate General states that after verification the stand as reflected in the counter affidavit dated 13.08.2025 filed by the State continues to be the same, but yet he is of the confirmed view that probably the data as provided for is not the correct data and there could be chances that there are certain fake Court-fees which

could be circulated and in order to find out that, it would be expedient and in the interest of justice that the data from the Courts with regard to the Court-fees is called for.

3. We find merit in this contention and accordingly direct the Registrar (Judicial) of this High Court to collect the relevant data from all the Courts in the State of Jharkhand including this High Court with regard to the Court-fees that have been affixed from the year 2012-13 upto 2021-22.

4. List on 12th of November 2025.

(Tarlok Singh Chauhan, C.J.)

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

October 15, 2025