

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

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

Jharkhand State Bar Council through its Secretary,

Rajesh Pandey

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Petitioner

Versus

State of Jharkhand and Ors.

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Respondents

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

For the Petitioner

:Mr. Rajendra Krishna, Advocate

:Mr. V. P. Singh, Sr. Advocate (Amicus Curiae)

: Ms. Rashmi Kumar, Advocate

For the State

: Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, Advocate General

: Mr. Jai Prakash, A.A.G-1A

: Mr. Piyush Chitresh, A.C. to A.G.

Oral Order

11/Dated: 17.11.2022

Counter affidavit has been filed by the Principal Secretary -cum- Legal Remembrancer, Department of Law, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.

It appears that a Committee was formed under the orders of the State and the Committee has made certain recommendations. *Prima facie* perusal of those recommendations gives impression that certain objections to the new amended Court Fee Act were genuine and the recommendation is for amending the Act. However, since no decision has been taken by the State Government till date, we are granting further time as prayed by the learned Advocate General, so that a decision could be taken by the State Government regarding recommendations made by the Committee which was formed by the Government itself under the order of the Chief Minister.

We would further request the State Government to consider Schedule-II. We are not saying in what manner but since the challenge has been made to Schedule-II, Schedule-II should also be considered by the competent authority of the State Government.

Further, since the decision has been taken and the Act is affecting the people at large, it would be our request to the State that a decision be taken at the earliest regarding amendment or otherwise.

Accordingly, put up this matter on 01.12.2022 within top five cases.

(Dr. Ravi Ranjan, C.J.)

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)