

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P. (S) No. 7043 of 2017

Sumitra Kumari

... **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand & Ors.

... **Respondents**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

For the Petitioner : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Thakur, Advocate

For the Respondents : Mr. Md. Imtiaz Khan, Advocate

: Mr. Suresh Kumar, Advocate

09/Dated: 1st July, 2026

W.P. (S) No. 7043 of 2017:

1. Reference may be made to the order dated 17.06.2026.
2. No affidavit has been filed by the concerned opposite party, however, one interlocutory application being I.A. No. 8707 of 2026 has been filed for extension of time for 8 weeks.

I.A. No. 8707 of 2026:

3. The reason has been assigned that the correspondences has been made by the local authority (Child Development Programme Officer, Jamua) to District Social Welfare Officer, Giridih with a copy to the Deputy Development Commissioner, Giridih and Deputy Commissioner-cum District Magistrate, Giridih on 27.06.2026 seeking opinion on the issue.
4. Further, the District Social Welfare Officer, Giridih has made correspondence to the Secretary to the Government on 27.06.2026 as contained in Letter No. 865.
5. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the State that the

competent authority since is the Secretary of the Department, where the matter has been communicated on the issue of the reinstatement in service of the petitioner on 27.06.2026, as such, the instant interlocutory application has been filed for extending the period so that the affidavit be filed.

6. This Court, considering the reason assigned in the instant interlocutory application, and taking into consideration the fact that the present writ petition is of the year 2017 and 8 years has already passed, as such, is of the view that 6 weeks' time is allowed instead of 8 weeks.
7. Accordingly, the instant interlocutory application being I.A. No. 8707 of 2026 stands allowed, and as such, disposed of.
8. List this case on 19th August, 2026.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

1st July, 2026

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