

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
L.P.A. No. 801 of 2025

Prakash Ranjan, aged about 44 years, son of Shri Shatrughna Prasad Singh, resident of Mohalla-New Rampur, Mahendru, P.O.-Mahendru, P.S.-Bahadurpur, Town & District-Patna (Bihar). ... Appellant

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
 2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Home, Government of Jharkhand, having office at Project Building, Dhurwa, P.O. & P.S.-Dhurwa, Town and District-Ranchi.
 3. The Director General of Home Guard and Fire Services, Government of Jharkhand, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, District-Ranchi.
 4. The Head office through Deputy Inspector General, Jharkhand Home Guard and Fire Services, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, District- Ranchi.
 5. Anant Kumar Singh, son of Rambachan Singh, Company Commander, Jharkhand Home Guard, posted at District-Commandant Office, Pakur, P.O. & P.S.-Pakur Sadar, District-Pakur.
 6. Rajesh Kumar, son of Yogendra Sah, Company Commander, Jharkhand Home Guard, posted at Commandant Office, Central Training Institution, Dhurwa, P.O. & P.S.-Dhurwa, District-Ranchi.
 7. Dheeraj Kumar Jha, son of Sudhir Chandra Jha, Company Commander, Jharkhand Home Guard, posted at District Commandant Office, Koderma, P.O. & P.S.-Chandbara, District-Koderma.
 8. Rajeshwar Ganjhu, son of Late Bishnu Ganjhu, Company Commander, Jharkhand Home Guard, posted at District Commandant Office, Gumla, P.O. & P.S.-Gumla, District-Gumla..
 9. Baijnath Bhagat, son of Late Bhunesshwar Bhagat, Company Commander, Jharkhand Home Guard, posted at District Commandant Office, Jamshedpur, P.O-Bistupur, P.S.-Sakchi, District-Jamshedpur.
 10. Mritunjay Kumar Mishra, S/o not known to the writ petitioner, resident of not known to the writ petitioners.
 11. Anuj Kumar, S/o not known to the writ petitioner, resident of not known to the writ petitioners.
 12. Om Sati, S/o not known to the writ petitioner, resident of not known to the writ petitioners.
 13. Rajiv Kumar Gaurav, S/o not known to the writ petitioner, resident of not known to writ petitioners.
 14. Kailash Singh, S/o not known to the writ petitioner, resident of not known to the writ petitioners.
 15. Ramjee Kumar, S/o not known to the writ petitioner, resident of not known to the writ petitioners.
- All through the Director General of Home Guard and Fire Services, Government of Jharkhand, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, District-Ranchi.

... Respondents

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

For the Appellant:

Mr. Manoj Tandon, Advocate.
Mr. Siddharth Ranjan, Advocate.
Mr. Karamjit S. Chhabra, Advocate.
Mr. Ritwik Raj, Advocate.
Mr. Shubham Kumar, Advocate.

For State: Mr. Indranil Bhaduri, S.C.-IV.
For Resp. Nos. 5 to 8: Mr. Amritansh Vats, Advocate.
Mr. Amartya Choubey, Advocate.

02/Dated: 20.04.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. We admit this appeal.
3. I.A. No. 13481 of 2025 seeks interim relief for staying the impugned order in this matter.
4. We have perused the impugned order.
5. Firstly, this appears to be a case where the petitioners before the learned Single Judge were shown as senior to the present appellant. Besides, they had also secured more marks than the present appellant in the recruitment process. However, based upon the marks obtained by the appellant at the training, the appellants had been shown as seniors. The issue as to whether the training marks would be given this weightage for determining seniority requires consideration but at this stage itself, we cannot say that the view taken by the learned Single Judge in the impugned order suffers from any perversity or is manifestly arbitrary.
6. Besides, the balance of convenience is also not in favour of granting any interim relief in this matter. If the appellant succeed, suitable orders can always be passed at that stage. However, by granting stay as prayed for, there is a possibility of the recruitment process itself being seriously affected.
7. For the above reasons, we reject the Interim application No.13481 of 2025 but expedite the hearing of this appeal. Further, we clarify that any further promotions would be subject to the final outcome of this appeal. This position must be made clear to the promotees in

their promotion order, so that, no equities can be claimed by them in this matter.

8. Mr. Indranil Bhaduri, learned S.C.-IV appears and waives service on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 4.

9. Mr. Amritansh Vats, learned counsel appears and waives service on behalf of respondent Nos. 5 to 8.

10. Issue notices to the remaining respondents i.e. respondent Nos.9 to 15. The appellant must pay the process fee and supply the copies at the earliest so that the notices can be served upon the concerned respondents.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

20.04.2026

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