

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (PIL) No. 5675 of 2018

The Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of
Commerce and Industries Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand and others Respondents

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

For the Petitioner: Mr. Salona Mittal, Advocate
For Resp. Nos.1-3: Mr. Mrinal Kanti Roy, G.A.-I
Mr. Abhinay Kumar, A.C. to G.A.-I
For Resp. Nos.4&5: Mr. Sumeet Gadodia, Advocate
Mrs. Shilpi Sandil Gadodia, Advocate
For Resp. No.6: Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Advocate
Mr. Sharon Toppo, Advocate.
For Resp. No.7: Mrs. Richa Sanchita, Advocate
Mr. Suman Roy, Advocate.

11/Dated: 14.11.2025

1. In compliance to the order dated 19th September, 2025, the Deputy Election Officer, Ranchi has filed a supplementary counter affidavit, in the open Court, which made part of the Court file.

2. Having perused the same, we are not at all satisfied with the contents of the said affidavit as the Deputy Election Officer has only sought to justify its action and still carrying out with the age old practice of occupying the running business premises of the businessmen of Terminal Market Yard, Pandra.

3. Despite the serious observations made by one of us (Rajesh Shankar, J.) in the order dated 11.12.2018 passed in W.P.(C) No.6137 of 2018 a note of which has already been taken by us in our order dated 19.09.2025. It was way back on 17.01.2019 that the respondents have sought to justify the action of finding the premises on the pretext that this practice is being followed in many of the States of India given the fact that



now it is for about 7 years that an affidavit has been filed, we deem it appropriate to direct the Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi to file a fresh affidavit clearly setting out the provisions made for counting of votes in various States and Union Territories of the country.

4. Let such affidavit be filed within four weeks.

5. List on 12.12.2025.

6. I.A. No. 14372 of 2025 has been rendered infructuous and accordingly disposed of.

(Tarlok Singh Chauhan, C.J.)

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

14.11.2025

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