

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (PIL) No. 2894 of 2021

Advocates' Association Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Respondent

WITH

Cont. Case (Civil) No. 283 of 2020

WITH

W.P. (PIL) No. 1252 of 2020

WITH

W.P. (PIL) No. 2797 of 2021

WITH

W.P. (PIL) No. 3018 of 2021

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W.P. (PIL) No. 5126 of 2021

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W.P. (PIL) No. 460 of 2022

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

For the Petitioners: Mr. V.P. Singh, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Abhay Kumar Mishra, Advocate
For the State: Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, A.G.
Mr. Piyush Chitresh, A.C. to A.G.
For the Vidhan Sabha: Mr. Anil Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Arpit Kumar, Advocate

53/Dated: 26.11.2025

1. As regards the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners, the State Government has already been directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 27th of October, 2025 that the pending selection process is completed in all respects within 45 days and a compliance affidavit has also been sought.

2. As far as the appointment of Lokayukta is concerned, the State had initially been harping upon the fact that the Leader of Opposition had not been declared, but since now it is an admitted fact that the Leader of Opposition has since been notified vide Notification No.381

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dated 12.03.2025 issued by the Cabinet Secretariat and Vigilance Department, Government of Jharkhand, therefore, we see no reason as to why the State should not initiate process for appointment of the Lokayukta which is long overdue.

4. Let clear cut instructions in this regard be obtained by the respondents on or by the next date of hearing.

5. List on 10.12.2025.

(Tarlok Singh Chauhan, C.J.)

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

November 26, 2025

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