

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

WITH

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

WITH

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. Rajeeva Sharma, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Abhay Kumar Mishra, Advocate
Mr. Shailesh Poddar, Advocate
For the State: Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, A.G.
Mr. Piyush Chitresh, A.C. to A.G.
For the Vidhan Sabha: Mr. Anil Kumar, S.C. (JVS)

58/Dated: 10.02.2026

1. Heard the learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Advocate General.
2. The learned Advocate General states that expeditious steps are being taken for the appointment of Lokayukta under the provisions of the Jharkhand Lokayukta Act, 2001. Learned Advocate General further makes a statement that the Lokayukta will be appointed within six weeks from today after following all due procedures prescribed under the law.
3. The above statement is accepted as a statement made on behalf of the State to this Court.

4. The State and all other concerned are directed to take effective steps consistent with these statements. This is more so because the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner points out that for the last four years, the position of Lokayukta has remained vacant. A compliance report must be filed by the Chief Secretary of the State before the next date.

5. Insofar as the issue of appointment of the State Chief Information Commissioner and other Members of the Information Commission is concerned, we are informed that the matter is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The learned Advocate General states that the order made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court will be complied with.

6. Insofar as issues of appointments of the Chairperson and other members of Jharkhand Educational Tribunal; the Chairperson and other Members of the Women's Commission; the Chairperson and other Members of the State Human Right Commission are concerned, the learned Advocate General states that an affidavit will be filed within four weeks indicating the timeline within which the vacancies would be filled up.

7. Copy of the affidavit must be supplied to the learned Advocate General and other counsel appearing in this matter.

8. List this matter on 17th of March 2026. By this date, the affidavits and compliance reports must be filed.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)