

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

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

Dhananjay Kumar Jha Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand and Others Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD**

For the Petitioner: Party In Person
For the State: Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, Advocate General
Mr. Piyush Chitresh, A.C. to A.G.
For Resp. No.5: Mr. Manish Kumar, Advocate

Oral Order
08/Dated: 11.11.2022

An affidavit has been filed on behalf of the State taking a fair stand that the information sought, which is the subject matter of this writ petition, is fully covered under the Right to Information Act and such information should have been given to the petitioner.

That leads the issue in question to be in the category of 'no quarrel' regarding that, however, we are much concerned about the fact that till date, even after expiry of perhaps more than two years, State Chief Information Commissioner has not been appointed as yet and those matters which should have been dealt with by the State Chief Information Commissioner are coming in this Court for adjudication. That is definitely questioning our democratic set-up and statutory requirements.

Learned Advocate General has informed us that a meeting is going to be held in this regard but due to the reason that everybody is busy in the State Foundation Day as Hon'ble President of India is also going to visit the State on that occasion. We are, therefore, granting further time to the State to respond to it positively for a proper time-line for appointment of various such types of statutory posts like State Chief Information Commissioner; Chairman, State Human Rights Commission, Lokayukta etc.

Accordingly, put up this case on 23.11.2022 within top five cases.

(Dr. Ravi Ranjan, C.J.)

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)