

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
WP(S) No.302 of 2026

Khemnath Mahto, aged about 58 years, Son of Kaila Mahto,
Resident Of H.N.48, Karam Tola, Near Kisan Bhawan, P.O
Kaitha, P.S. & District Ramgarh. **... Petitioner(s).**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. The Secretary, Department of Higher Education, having its office at MD1 Building, Dhurwa, P.O., P.S. Dhurwa & District Ranchi.
3. The Director, Department of Higher Education, having its office at MDI Building, Dhurwa, P.O., P.S. Dhurwa & District Ranchi.
4. The District Education Officer, Hazaribagh C.T.S. Colony, PO-Boddam Bazar & P.S-Sadar Police Station, Dist-Hazaribagh.
5. The Secretary, Managing Committee, Jharkhand Inter College, Hosir, P.O.-Dari (Giddi "C"), Block-Dari, District-Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.
6. Shri Ajay Kumar Verma, Principal-In Charge, Jharkhand Inter College, Hosir, P.O.-Dari (Giddi "C"), Block-Dari, District-Hazaribagh, Jharkhand. **... Respondent(s).**

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Ms. Aprajita Bhardwaj, Advocate
For the State : Ms. Komal Tiwary, AC to AG

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02 /22.01.2026: Heard learned counsel representing the petitioner and learned counsel representing the respondents.

- 2.** The only grievance of the petitioner is that the petitioner was allowed to work as In-charge Principal but now the petitioner has been removed.
- 3.** From the order which is impugned, that is removal of the petitioner as In-charge Principal, I find that there is no allegation leveled against the petitioner by the respondents. Thus, the order is not stigmatic.
- 4.** There is no substantive post as “In-charge Principal”. It is merely an interim arrangement over which the petitioner has no

substantive right. To be an “In-charge” is not a substantive right.

5. When no substantive right is created which can be said to have been infringed, I am not inclined to interfere with the impugned order dated 08.08.2025.

6. Thus, this writ petition is **dismissed**.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

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