

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cont. Case (Civil) No. 1509 of 2025

Ram Naresh Singh & Others Petitioners
-Versus-
State of Jharkhand & Another Opp. Parties

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioners : Mr. Amar Kr. Sinha, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Mahesh Kr. Sinha, Advocate
Mr. Gaurav Priyadarshi, Advocate
Mr. Anup Kumar Yadav, Advocate
Mrs. Priyadarshini Shivangi, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Suraj Prakash, A.C. to S.C.-VII

Order No.06

Date: 10.07.2026

1. Reference may be made to the order dated 19.06.2026,
which reads as under:

"1. Mr. Amar Kumar Sinha, learned senior counsel for the petitioners refers to Annexure-A (copy of the tenant's ledger) to the show-cause affidavit filed on behalf of the Opposite Party No.2 on 16th June, 2026 and submits that though in pursuance of this Court's order dated 4th October, 2017 passed in W.P.(C) No.6146 of 2008, the Zamabandi of the land in question has been restored in favour of the petitioners, however, the said tenant's ledger does not indicate that the rent paid by the petitioners for the period after 1995-1996 has been entered therein, although the petitioners have paid rent from 1996-1997 to 2025-2026.

2. Md. Shahabuddin, learned S.C.-VII submits that the said fact shall be verified by the O.P. No.2 and if the rent for the aforesaid period have already been paid by the petitioners, the entry of the same in the tenant's ledger shall positively be made within two weeks.

3. Considering the said submission of the learned S.C.-VII, this Court is not passing any adverse order against the O.P. No.2 for the present.

4. However, if the O.P. No.2 finds that the rent for the aforesaid period with regard to the land in question has already been paid by the petitioners and

the entry of the same is not made in the tenant's ledger within a period of two weeks, the Court shall formally initiate a proceeding under the Contempt of the Courts Act, 1971.

5. Pup this case under the same heading on 10th July, 2026."

2. Mr. Suraj Prakash, learned A.C. to S.C.-VII, refers to paragraph Nos. 7 & 8 of the supplementary show cause affidavit dated 09.07.2026 filed on behalf of the opposite party No. 2, which read as under:

"7. That it is humbly stated and submitted that the online Register II also contains the details of payments for the financial year 1995-96, which has been paid offline/manually and is being shown for the reason for recording this information and to allow the computer to calculate the remaining payment based on the previous payment. If the status of the previous (offline) payment is not recorded, it becomes difficult for the computer to calculate the remaining payment.

8. That it is further relevant to state and submit that the Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms Department, Government of Jharkhand, issued Resolution No. 7/Lagaan Nirgit (Policy): - 24/16 1257/Ra., dated 30.03.2016, introduced the provision for online payment instead of offline payment and thereafter details of land revenue paid online are recorded only recorded in Online Register II and that such details now, cannot be entered in Offline Register II, for the reason that, if the said offline entry is also allowed to be recorded, it could lead to the problem of counting it as double payment."

3. Mr. Suraj Prakash, on the basis of the aforesaid supplementary show cause affidavit, submits that these days payment of rent of the land is only entered in online Register-II and not in physical (offline) Register-II. To this effect, he refers to the resolution as contained in memo No. 1257, dated 30.03.2016 issued by the Department of

Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms, Government of Jharkhand.

4. As against this, Mr. Amar Kr. Sinha, learned Sr. counsel for the petitioner, submits that the said resolution does not mention that entry of the rent paid for certain land cannot be made in offline Register-II. Perhaps, the opposite party No. 2 has either misconstrued the provision of resolution dated 30.03.2016 or is bent upon to harass the petitioner.
5. I find substance in the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner as on perusal of the resolution dated 30.03.2016, it appears that there is no provision which prohibits entry of the payment of rent for certain land in the physical Register-II.
6. This Court is also of the view that not making entry of the rent in the physical Register-II may lead to various kinds of disputes if any such error while entering the particulars in the online Register-II occurs. In that eventuality, the remedy is to check/verify the said entry made in the online Register-II with the entry existing in the offline Register-II.
7. Under the said circumstance, the aforesaid statement made by the opposite party no. 2 in the supplementary show cause affidavit dated 09.07.2026 appears to be misconceived. The opposite party No. 2 is directed to make the entry of the rent paid by the petitioner for the land in question post 1995-96 in the physical Register-II positively within two weeks, failing which the said opposite

party shall remain physically present before this Court on the next date fixed.

8. Put up this case under the same heading on 31.07.2026.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

10.07.2026
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