

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.7516 of 2025

Sanjay Kumar Pathak Petitioner.
-Versus-
The State of Jharkhand & Ors. Respondents.

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

For the Petitioner : Mr. Anjani Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Piyush Chitresh, AC to AG

Order No.02

Date: 22.01.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The petitioner challenges the rejection of his technical bid on the ground of alleged non-compliance with the requirement under Section IIB/5.1-d-(ii).
3. Section IIB/5.1-d-(ii) is at page 36 of the paper book and the same reads as follows:

"(ii) Unique document identification Number (UDIN) has been made mandatory by ICAI from 1st July, 2019 for all audit/Assurance/Attest Functions. Hence, Audited Turnover and Balance sheet containing UDIN No. from Financial year 2019-20 is mandatory for bidders. Audited Turnover Summary must Contain UDIN No.(iii) 26AS of income Tax. (Applicable for tender amount more than 2.5 cr.)."

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner refers us to the documents/auditor's certificates at pages 68, 75, 112, 147 and 150 of the paper book and submits that there was full compliance with the aforesaid condition inasmuch as the UDIN was clearly stated and other requirements were also fulfilled.
5. Mr. Piyush Chitresh, learned counsel for the respondents seeks some time to obtain instructions and, if necessary, to file an affidavit.

6. We now post this matter on 16th February, 2026. However, if the respondents wish to file any reply, they should file and serve such reply by 12th February, 2026.
7. Mr. Piyush Chitresh accepts that there were only three bidders and now the technical bids of two of the respondents are found to be non-responsive. Accordingly, he accepts that there would some difficulty in opening the financial bid of the third bidder who is found to be technically qualified.
8. Mr. Piyush Chitresh states that he will also obtain instructions on this aspect.
9. Stand over to 16th February, 2026.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

22nd January, 2026
Sanjay/Rohit