

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.6546 of 2023**

Naaz Praween@ Bibi Nazma Khatoon, aged about 54 years W/o Late Irfan Ullah, resident of village: Chitarpur, P.O.- Chitarpur, P.S: Rajrappa, District Ramgarh, Jharkhand. **Petitioner**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Secretary, Water Resource Department, Government of Jharkhand officiating at Nepal House, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, Dist-Ranchi.
3. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Department, Government of Jharkhand officiating at Nepal House, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, Dist-Ranchi.
4. The Deputy Commissioner, Ramgarh, P.O., P.S.& Dist: Ramgarh.
5. The Circle Officer, Chitarpur, P.O.-Chitarpur P.S.-Rajrappa, Dist- Ramgarh.
6. Executive Engineer-cum-rehabilitation Officer (Bhairwa Reservoir Scheme), P.O. & P.S.-Hazaribag, Dist. - Hazaribagh.
7. Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tenu Ghat Project, Hazaribagh, P.O., P.S.& Dist: Hazaribagh.

..... **Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. Ravi Kumar, Advocate
Ms. Akata Anand, Advocate
For the Resp.-State : Ms. Omiya Anusha, A.C to AAG -IA

05/Dated: 20th January, 2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The present writ petition has been filed for the following reliefs :-

“(a) for issuance of an appropriate writ(s), order(s), direction(s) in the nature of mandamus commanding upon the respondents to forthwith, declare the petitioner as "displaced" and issue the "Displaced Family Development Booklet" to extend her the benefits given under Rehabilitation policy, 2003 read with Revised Rehabilitation Policy 2012 formulated by Water Resource Department, Govt. of

Jharkhand for the families displaced due to land acquisition made by the department for implementation of irrigation project scheme as the House and land of the petitioner situated at Mauza-Chitarpur, Khata No.97, Plot No.470 was acquired by the respondents vide L.A. Case No.10/2001-02.

(b) for issuance of an appropriate writ(s), order(s), direction(s) in the nature of mandamus to the respondents to extend the benefits to the petitioner as per provision of the rehabilitation policy including employment to the one member of the petitioner's family as the petitioner's son is an unemployed graduate and entitled to get employment under the said policy."

3. Paragraph No.22 of the counter affidavit, filed by the respondent-State reads as under :-

"22. That with regard to the statement made in Paragraphs - 10 to 12 of the instant writ application filed by the petitioner, under reply it is humbly stated and submitted that the petitioner has made representation for getting benefit under the scheme of Rehabilitation Policy after a lapse of more than 22 years, though the petitioner ought to have filed the representation just after acquisition of his land, so that the respondent authority could scrutinize and decide the matter whether the petitioner comes under the definition of displaced person or not though the representation of the petitioner filed on 08.06.2023 which is also under process but the petitioner in utter haste filed the instant writ petition only for harassing and pressurizing the respondent authority to decide the matter beyond the provisions of Rehabilitation Policy."

4. In that view of the matter, the present writ petition is, hereby, disposed of directing the respondents to conclude the scrutiny and take an appropriate decision regarding the claim of the petitioner, within eight weeks from the date of receipt/production of copy of this order.

5. Pending interlocutory application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)