

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(C) No.7658 of 2025**

Ramawtar Dubey aged about 67 years S/O Late Shree
Kisun Bihari Dubey, Resident of C/O B. K. Sahay,
Shantikunj, Road No.6(B), Patel Nagar, Hatia, P.O/ P.S
Hatia, District - Ranchi, Pin - 834003.

..... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. Circle Officer, Nagri, P.O Nagri P.S. Nagri, District -
Ranchi.

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. Sudhakar Pandey, Advocate
For the Resp.-State : Mr. Rakesh Kr. Roy, A.C to GA-III

02/Dated: 20th January, 2026

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

“(a) for issuance of an appropriate Writ(s),
Order(s) or Direction(s) particularly Respondent
No.2, the Circle Officer, Nagri to take proper and
appropriate action upon the petitioner's application
dated 08.04.2025 filed for demarcation of the land of
the petitioner appertaining to Plot No.1337 and
1346, under Khata No.226, Mouza Pundag, Circle
Nagri, Thana No.228 area ten (10) decimal of land
within the district of Ranchi.”

3. The law is settled that the Circle Officer is merely a
service provider and not an adjudicator. If there is any
dispute, he is not supposed to make any measurement.
Measurement cannot be made without reference point. It has
to be started from the reference point at somewhere it is
known as *chand*. Further, the consent of the neighbouring/
adjacent *raiyat* is required.

4. In view of above settled principle of law, the present
writ petition is, hereby, disposed of directing the Circle
Officer, Nagri, Ranchi to demarcate the land, as a service

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provider only and only, if the adjacent *raiyat* has given consent and not otherwise. If there is any dispute, it can only be resolved by the competent civil court and not by the Circle Officer.

The Circle Officer, Nagri, Ranchi, shall proceed in the matter, keeping in mind the above settled principle of law.

5. With above observations and directions, the present writ petition is, hereby, disposed of.

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

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

20th January, 2026
Ravi-Chandan/-
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