

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cont. Case (Civil) No. 1170 of 2024

Bandhani Devi	-----	 Petitioner
-Versus-		
The State of Jharkhand & Others		 Opp. Parties

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner	: Mr. Prem Pujari Roy, Advocate
For the O.P. No.1	: Mr. Arun Kumar Dubey, AC to GP-III
For the O.P. No. 2	: Mr. Om Prakash Tiwari, Advocate
For the O.P. No. 3	: Mr. Amritanshu Singh, Advocate

Order No.16

Date: 30.01.2026

I.A. No. 9905 of 2025:

1. The present interlocutory application has been filed by the applicant-Pratima Devi seeking her impleadment in place of sole petitioner-Bandhani Devi.
2. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the original petitioner-Bandhani Devi happened to be the mother-in-law of the applicant, who has died during the pendency of the present contempt petition on 08.05.2025. He furnishes a copy of death certificate of the original petitioner which is taken on record.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant, while referring paragraph No. 7 of the present interlocutory application, submits that the applicant is the surviving legal heir of the original petitioner and she has two minor children aged about 14 & 10 years. Hence, the applicant, whose description has been given in paragraph no. 8 of the present interlocutory application, may be permitted to be substituted in place of the sole deceased petitioner.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective opposite parties have no objection to the said prayer.
5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and for the reasons stated in the present interlocutory application, the heir/legal representative of the sole deceased petitioner, whose description has been given in paragraph no. 8 of the present interlocutory application, is permitted to be substituted in her place.
6. Necessary substitution in the cause title of the present case be made by the counsel for the petitioner in course of the day.
7. I.A. No. 9905 of 2025 is, accordingly, disposed of.
8. Learned counsel for the applicant/petitioner submits that Vakalatnama on behalf of the newly substituted petitioner has been filed along with the aforesaid interlocutory application.

I.A. No. 618 of 2026:

9. The present interlocutory application has been filed on 15.01.2026 on behalf of the opposite party no. 2 seeking 16 weeks' more time to comply the order dated 01.05.2024 passed in W.P. (S) No. 3870 of 2021.
10. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and for the reasons stated in the present interlocutory application, the opposite party no. 2 is reluctantly granted time till 08.04.2026 to comply the aforesaid order and to file compliance affidavit.

11. It is made clear that no further time shall be granted to the opposite party no. 2 for the said purpose and in case of non-compliance of the aforesaid order, appropriate order against him shall be passed on the next date fixed.
12. I.A. No. 618 of 2026 is, accordingly, disposed of.

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13. Put up this case under the heading "**For Admission**" on 10.04.2026.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

30.01.2026
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