

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Contempt (Civil) Case No. 1016 of 2023

Smt. Lily Dorothy Topno

... **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand & Ors.

... **Opp. Parties**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

For the Petitioner : Mr. Navneet Toppo, Advocate

: Mr. Saurav Mahto, Advocate

For the Opp. Parties : Mr. M.K. Roy, G.A.-1

For the Acct. General : Mr. Sudarshan Srivastava, Advocate

15/Dated: 15th April, 2026

1. It is a case for initiation of proceedings for contempt for alleged willful and deliberate non-compliance of the order dated 22.02.2023 passed in W.P. (S) No. 914 of 2014.
2. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the order passed by the writ court, the subject-matter of the present contempt case, has been affirmed by the Division Bench of this Court on 07.02.2024 in L.P.A. No. 402 of 2023 against which the Special Leave Petition has been dismissed on 28.01.2026 in SLP(C) No. 12320/2025.
3. It has been submitted that the show cause has been filed but the ground of pending Special Leave Petition was taken and the said S.L.P. was dismissed way back on 28.01.2026 but the order has not been complied with.
4. It has also been submitted that the petitioner is on death bed having no source of income, and on instruction, the learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioner is selling vegetables.

5. This Court, considering the aforesaid, is deferring the matter to be listed on next Wednesday, i.e., the next assigned day so that the compliance report along with the show cause be filed, failing which, this Court will issue notice under Section 393 of the High Court Rules for non-compliance of the order.
6. List this case on 22nd April, 2026.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

15th April, 2026
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