

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

**W.P.(C) No. 3248 of 2026**

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Rajendra Prasad Sahu, S/o Late Narayan Sahu, R/o Village- Kailibad, P.O. Karharbari, P.S. Giridih (M), Dist Giridih

**.... Petitioner(s).**

Versus

- 1.The State of Jharkhand
- 2.The Deputy Commissioner, Giridih
- 3.The Additional Collector, Giridih
- 4.Land Reforms Deputy Collector, Giridih
- 5.Jogeshwar Sahu, S/o Late Pokhan Saw, R/o Village- Maheshlundi Tola, Kailibad, P.O. Karharbari, P.S. Giridih (M), Dist Giridih
- 6.Ranjeet Kumar Sinha, S/o Late Rajeshwari Prasad, R/o Shastrinagar (Infront of gate of Giridih Statistical), P.O., P.S. + Dist- Giridih

**... Respondent(s)**

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**CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.**

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For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Kamdeo Pandey, Advocate  
For the State : Mr. Sanjay Kr. Tiwari, SC -I  
Mr. Ankit Kumar, AC to SC-I

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03/ 06.05.2026 Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. By way of filing this writ petition, the petitioner has sought for the following reliefs :-

*"i) For direction upon the respondent no.3 for hearing the appeal vide Appeal No.05/2024-25 filed by the petitioner U/s 30 of Bihar Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling Land) Act, 1961 against the order dated 30.05.2025 passed by Land Reforms Deputy Collector, Giridih whereby and whereunder petition filed petitioner U/s 16(3) of Act, 1961 for transfer of the land pertaining to Khata No.59, Plot No.815, area 2 decimals, Plot No.816, area 28 decimals, total 30 decimals, situated at Mouza- Chamarkho, has been dismissed."*

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the appeal should be heard and thereafter an appropriate order will be passed. He refers to page 24 which is his memo of appeal. Relying on the said memo, he submits that in the corner of first page of the said memo, the authorities has endorsed, the same as rejected, but actually there is no order of rejection and the petitioner not yet been heard before such rejection.

4. On the aforesaid submission, on the last date this Court directed the respondents to produce the entire record of the appeal. The State produced the entire appellate record. After going through the appellate record, I find that though the petitioner had stated that in the corner of his memo of appeal there is endorsement as “rejected”, but the ordersheet clearly suggest that the next date fixed for hearing is 08.05.2026. There is no detail order of rejection in the entire record. The aforesaid fact suggest that the endorsement made in the memo of appeal as “rejected” is erroneous and not correct, more so, when the appeal of the petitioner is fixed for 08.05.2026 for hearing before the Deputy Commissioner vide order dated 07.04.2026.

5. Thus, I direct the Deputy Commissioner, Giridih to hear the appeal and disposed of the same at the earliest by passing a reasoned order after giving opportunity of hearing to all the parties.

6. Petitioner should appear before the Deputy Commissioner, Giridih on the date fixed i.e. on 08.05.2026. The endorsement of rejection in the corner of the memo of appeal has got no validity in eye of law.

7. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the instant writ petition stands disposed of.

8. The original record is returned to the learned State counsel for immediately transmitting the same to the concerned Appellate Authority today itself.

**(ANANDA SEN, J.)**