

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

(Civil Writ Jurisdiction)

W.P. (C) No.175 of 2026

Pancham Singh & Ors.

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

Versus

The State of Jharkhand through Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand
& Ors.

.... **Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Petitioner(s)

: Mr. Amar Kr. Sinha, Adv.

For the Respondent(s)

: Ms. Sonal Tiwary, A.C. to A.G.

02/Dated: 22nd January, 2026

1. It has been submitted that the proceeding under Section 4(h) of Bihar Land Reforms Act has been initiated by the Circle Officer, Chhatarpur, District-Palamu after lapse of about 74 years even without disclosing any proceeding. It has been challenged on the following grounds:-

(a) The Circle Officer has no such power.

(b) No Proceeding has been initiated.

(c) It is a transit provision and it cannot be invoked after more than 70 years.

2. The respondents are directed to file response.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 22nd January, 2026

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