

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**

**W.P.(C) No. 5558 of 2025**

Electrosteel Castings Limited & Anr.

... Petitioners

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

... Respondents

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR RAI**

For the Petitioner : Mr. Ankit Vishal, Advocate

For the U.O.I. : Mr. Prashant Pallav, ASGI

For the State : Mr. Shray Mishra, AC to A.G.

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**Order No.04/dated 07.01.2026**

Mr. Prashant Pallav, learned A.S.G.I. appearing for the Union of India has submitted that the counter-affidavit is ready and being filed on behalf of respondent No.2, copy thereof has already been served.

2. Let the said affidavit be taken on record.

3. Learned ASGI has submitted that he has also got instruction from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, respondent No.3 and the affidavit on behalf of the concerned Ministry (MOEF) is also to be filed. Hence, he has sought for further 10 days' time.

4. The time, as sought for, is allowed.

5. List this matter after two weeks i.e. on 22.01.2026.

6. It has been submitted by the learned Counsel for the petitioner that affidavit has also been served to him on behalf the State of Jharkhand, respondent No.6. But no such affidavit is available on record.

7. Mr. Shray Mishra, learned A.C. to A.G. has submitted that one affidavit i.e. the counter-affidavit on behalf of the respondent No.6 which is taken on record.

8. Mr. Ankit Vishal, learned Counsel representing the petitioners submitted that he needs to reply the same.

9. Let the said reply be filed on or before the next date of listing.

**(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)**

**(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)**

7<sup>th</sup> January, 2026  
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