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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 4983/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 29-01-2026 in IA No. 1455/2026 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

BAJRANG LAL CHOUDHARY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 35417/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 35418/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

WITH

SLP(C) No. 4917/2026 (XVII-B)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 34893/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 34892/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 4973/2026 (XVII-B)

IA No. 35216/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 35217/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 04-02-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Shresth Gautam, Adv.
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For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Issue notice, returnable within four weeks.

Tag present Special Leave Petitions with 4820-4821/2026,
Special Leave Petition(Civil) No.4741/2026 and the connected case.

By the order dated 14th January, 2026, the High Court directed the State Administration to take appropriate action on the basis of the Report submitted by a Committee of three Advocates. Subsequent thereto, applications were filed by a large number of residents of the concerned area seeking appropriate directions, which were dismissed by a detailed order on 28th January, 2026 (impugned order in SLP (C) NO. 4973 of 2026). Thereafter, another set of applications was moved by a separate set/group of residents of the area, which were dismissed vide impugned order dated 29th January, 2026.

It is submitted that while passing the order dated 14th January, 2026 on the basis of the Committee's Report, the petitioners were never afforded an opportunity of hearing by the Committee and, therefore, any order directing removal of their constructions would cause grave/great prejudice and hardship to the petitioners, as they would be dispossessed without being granted an opportunity of hearing.

It is further submitted that the petitioners were not made/impleaded parties in the pending writ petition bearing W.P. (PIL) No. 2078 of 2018, wherein the order dated 14th January, 2026 was passed.

We, accordingly, provide that in the meantime, *status quo* shall be maintained with regard to construction qua the petitioners only.

(SHIPRA NARANG)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(NIKITA SINGH)
COURT MASTER (NSH)