

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.4248 of 2014

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Veena Sinha, W/o Late Anjani Sinha, Resident of Village/Mohalla - TB Ward Road, Pashupati Nagar, Post Office - Bettiah, Police Station - Bettiah, District - West Champaran (Bettiah)

.... Petitioner.

Versus

1. The Chairman-Cum-Managing Director, Punjab National Bank, Head Office, 7, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi
2. The General Manager, P.F. & Pension Fund Deptt. Head Office, Rajendra Bhawan, Rajendra Place, New Delhi.
3. The Chief Manager, Punjab National Bank, Boring Road, Patna
4. The Chief Manager, Circle Office, Aghoria Bazar, District - Muzaffarpur
5. The Branch Manager, Punjab National Bank, Nawada Govind Ganj, West Champaran, Bettiah

.... Respondents.

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ajit Kumar, Advocate

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Kumar Priya Ranjan, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SAMARENDRA PRATAP SINGH

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 17-05-2016

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the respondent.

The petitioner is wife of late Anjani Sinha, Special Assistant, Branch Office, Punjab National Bank, Nawada Govind Ganj, who died in harness.

Mr. Ajeet Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner very fairly submits that though the ex-gratia amount has been paid, but the interest on delayed payment on the same has not been paid by the respondent Bank. The petitioner in support of her claim for payment of interest on delayed payment has relied upon Division

bench decision of this Court in case of **Ram Sumer Ahair Vs. The Union of India & Others**, reported in **2004 (1) PLJR 158**, which in turn relied upon the decision of the Hon'ble Apex Court in case of **State of Kerala & others Vs. M. Padmanabhan Nair**, reported in **(1985) 1 SCC 429**.

If the petitioner files a representation before the respondent no.2 with respect to claim of the interest on delayed payment of ex-gratia amount, he will dispose of her application by a speaking order preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ application stands disposed of.

(Samarendra Pratap Singh, J.)

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