

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Letters Patent Appeal No.23 of 2017**

**In**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No. 14908 of 2016**

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Laxman Mandal, S/o Late Kusum Mandal, R/o village - Deori, P.O. Tamaul, Ghanshyampur, District – Darbhanga.

.... .... Appellant/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj Department, Government of Bihar, Vikash Bhawan, Patna.
2. The Secretary, State Election Commission, Bihar, Patna
3. District Magistrate Cum Collector Cum District Election officer (Panchayat), District - Darbhanga
4. The Block Development officer Cum Block Election Officer (Panchyat) Block - Ghanshyampur, Distict – Darbhanga.
5. District Panchayat Raj Officer, District – Darbhanga.

.... .... Respondent/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Appellant/s : None  
For the State : Mr. Mritunjay Kumar, AC to AAG-6  
For the Commission : Mr. Amit Srivastava, Advocate  
Mr. Girish Pandey, Advocate

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**And**

**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR SINGH**

**ORAL ORDER**

**(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)**

3      03-05-2017                      None appears for the appellant. Defects pointed by the office have not been rectified.

However, Sri Amit Srivastava, learned counsel appearing for the State Election Commission points out that with regard to the same election for the Panchayat in question, Letters Patent Appeal No.1545 of 2016 (Veena Devi v. The State of Bihar & Ors.) has been dismissed by this Bench on 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 2017 and for the same reasons, this appeal is also liable to be



dismissed.

Keeping in view the reasons already indicated by us in the order dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 passed in Letters Patent Appeal No.1545 of 2016, we see no reason to make any indulgence into the matter.

For the same reason, this appeal is also dismissed with liberty to the aggrieved persons to take remedy of filing of a case before the Election Commission, if available, in law.

**(Rajendra Menon, CJ)**

**(Sudhir Singh, J)**

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