

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3278 of 2019

1. Vijeta, having its office at Moh.-New Chandmari, P.O. and P.S.-Motihari, Dist.-East Champaran through it's Secretary Ranjeet Singh, aged about 51 years (M), son of Late Sukhdev Singh, Resident of Ward No.13, near Banshakti Mandir, Lakshmipur, P.S. Turkaulia, District-East Champaran.
2. Ranjeet Singh S/o Late Sukhdev Singh, Resident of Ward No.13, Near Banshakti Mandir, Lakshmipur, P.S. Turkaulia, Dist.-East Champaran, Secretary,Vijeta, Having it's office at Moh-New Chandmari, P.O. and P.S. Motihari, Dist.-East Champaran.

... .. Petitioners

Versus

1. The Union of India through the Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India, New Delhi
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India, New Delhi
3. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Labour Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna
4. The Principal Secretary, Labour Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna
5. The District Magistrate cum Chairman, District Child Labour project Society, East Champaran, Motihari
6. The Asstt. Director, Social Security Cell cum Project Director, District Child Labour Project Society, East Champaran, Motihari

... .. Respondents

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Amit Kumar, Advocate Mr.Ravindra Kumar Ravi, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr.Raghwendra Kumar (SC-22)
For the UOI	:	Mr.Rajesh Kumar Verma, Asst. Solicitor General

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

4 23-07-2019 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners, learned counsel for the Union of India and the State.

Today a counter affidavit has been filed on behalf of the Union of India. It has been sworn by the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Patna. Annexure 'R/A' is a letter dated



12th July 2019 written by the under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment to the District Magistrate-cum-Chairman, National Child Labour Project Society, East Champaran, Motihari. By this letter the under Secretary to the Government of India has called upon the District Magistrate, East Champaran, Motihari to verify the claim of the N.G.O. namely Vijeta and settle their claims out of an unspent balance of Rs. 56,72,770/- which is said to be lying with the project society.

In the aforesaid view of the matter, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that his grievance would stand redress if the District Magistrate, East Champaran, Motihari who is also Chairman of the District Child Labour Project Society (Respondent No. 5) is directed to verify the claim of the petitioners and do the needful towards settlement of the dues of the petitioners within a reasonable time.

In the given facts and circumstances of this case, this Court directs Respondent No. 5 to look into the letter/communication dated 12th July, 2019 (Annexure 'R/A'), consider the grievance of the petitioners, verify the claims and upon verification take a decision towards the settlement of the dues of the petitioners. If the claim of the petitioners is



found to be valid and genuine the same must be paid within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt/production of copy of this order. In case, however, there is any issue with regard to the verification etc., the claim either in whole or part of the petitioners if refused, the reasons thereof must be provided to the petitioners within the same period.

This writ application stands disposed off accordingly.

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

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