

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**

**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.5209 of 2019**

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The Vaishnavi Enterprises having its office situated at Chhota Bariyarpur Motihari, P.S.-Chhatauni, District-East Champaran Represented through its Proprietor namely Anubhav Prakash Aged about 23 Years, Male, Son of Manoj Kumar AT-Narayanpur Pipraber Kalakusuma, Near Vishwakarma Agency, P.S.-Saraidhela, District-Dhanbad, Jharkhand-826005.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Chief Secretary, Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Chief Election Officer, State Election Commission, Bihar, Patna.
4. The District Officer-Cum-District Election Officer (Panchayat), Muzaffarpur.
5. The District Panchayat Raj Officer, Muzaffarpur.

... .. Respondent/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Karandeep Kumar, Adv.

For the State : Mr. Kumar Alok, SC-7

For the Respondent Nos. 3 & 4 : Mr. Amit Shrivastava, Adv.

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR**

**ORAL JUDGMENT**

**Date : 23-05-2019**

Heard the learned counsels for the parties.

2. The petitioner has approached this Court for a direction to the respondent authorities for making payment



of his dues amount for which a bill has been submitted by him. It is the case of the petitioner that he was entrusted with the task of repairing, colouring and greasing of ballot boxes which was to be used in all blocks of the Muzaffarpur district in General Panchayat Election of the year 2016.

3. It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the work has entrusted to the petitioner was completed and for the same, a completion certificate also was issued. Nonetheless, the amount due to the petitioner has been withheld without any reason.

4. The petitioner, under the aforesaid circumstances, is directed to make a representation before the District Officer-Cum-District Election Officer (Panchayat), Muzaffarpur (respondent No. 4), detailing his grievances and stating in detail the amount which is due to him, within a period of six weeks from today, who, on receipt of such representation, after verifying the records, shall pass a reasoned order in accordance with law within a further period of six weeks thereafter.

5. Needless to state that if the claim of the



petitioner is found to be tenable, all efforts should be made by the respondent authorities to make payment of the dues amount of the petitioner. In case of paucity of funds or non-release of funds by respondent No. 3/the Chief Election Officer, State Election Commission, Bihar Patna, necessary communication in that regard also shall be made by respondent No. 4, so that the dues amount is paid at the earliest.

6. This Court expects that the entire exercise be completed within a period of six months from the date of the receipt/production of a copy of this order.

7. With the aforesaid observation/direction, the writ petition stands disposed off.

**(Ashutosh Kumar, J)**

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