

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.8028 of 2019

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Sudhindra Kumar Pandey, aged about 41 years, male, Son of Late Yatindra Kumar Pandey, Resident of Village-Keshariya, P.O. and P.S.-Keshariya, District-East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Sichhai Bhawan, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Sichhai Bhawan, Patna.
3. The Secretary, Finance Department, Old Secretariat, Patna.
4. The Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Sichhai Bhawan, Patna.
5. The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Motihari, East Champaran.
6. The Superintending Engineer, Water Resources Department, Circle Bettiah, West Champaran.
7. The Executive Engineer, Division-1, Water Resources Department, Bettiah, West Champaran.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Krishna Kumar Tiwary, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vikash Kumar (SC-11)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date : 15-05-2019

The petitioner, who is a Tahsil Sangraha



(Revenue Collector), has approached this Court for a direction to the respondent authorities to prepare a seniority list of such Revenue Collectors (Tahsil Sangrahaks) who are the employees of Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna as also to direct for giving them the Grade-Pay which was admissible to them earlier and which was only one Grade less than the Irrigation Revenue Inspectors. The further prayer of the petitioner is that a direction be also issued to the respondents to promote him and other similarly situated persons on the post of Irrigation/Revenue Inspector according to the seniority list and the vacancy position available as on date.

2. It appears that the petitioner was appointed as a Tahsil Sangrahak (Revenue Collector) in the Irrigation Wing of the Revenue Department. The aforesaid post was abolished and the services of the Revenue Collectors (Tahsil Sangrahaks) and Irrigation Revenue Inspectors got merged under the Office of the Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar. No specific post was carved out with respect to the two different sources which merged in



one class of service. After the reorganization of the State of Bihar and Jharkhand, the earlier post of Tahsil Sangrahaak (Revenue Collector) and Irrigation Revenue Inspector was revived and after the revival, the Irrigation Revenue Inspector was given a Grade-Pay higher than the Revenue Collectors (Tahsil Sangrahaaks).

3. The petitioner, therefore, has approached this Court with the aforesaid relief, in the absence of which, he would not have the advantage of the hike in the pay or would have any promotional avenue.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner has also intimated to this Court that several representations have been made before the Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna as well as the Finance Department, Govt. of Bihar for removing the aforesaid anomaly in the service conditions of the Revenue Collectors (Tahsil Sangrahaaks) and the difference between the service conditions of the Revenue Collectors (Tahsil Sangrahaaks), juxtaposed to the service conditions of Irrigation Revenue Inspectors, but nothing concrete has been done in that



regard.

5. Under the aforesaid circumstances, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioner to make a representation before the Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna within a period of six weeks from today, who, on receipt of the same, shall correspond with the Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt. of Bihar, Patna and shall take a decision in that regard and shall dispose off the petitioner's representation by a reasoned order within a further period of twelve weeks thereafter.

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

(Ashutosh Kumar, J)

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