

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.15165 of 2019

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Ramamurti Singh Son of Harinarayan Singh Resident of Village Ekdanga
Bhagwanpur, P.S.- Mirganj, District- Gopalganj.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Director Integrated Child Development Scheme, Bihar, Patna.
3. The Zila Padadhikari Gopalganj, District- Gopalganj.
4. The Zila Programme Padadhikari Gopalganj, District- Gopalganj.
5. The Child Development Project Officer Hathua, District- Gopalganj.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Suresh Prasad Bhakta, Advocate
		Mr. Rameshwar Thakur, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Md. Raisul Haque (SC 10)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR
ORAL JUDGMENT

Date : 31-07-2019

Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

2. The petitioner is the husband of Late Kasturi Devi who died while serving as Aanganwari Sevika on 04.02.2019. The death certificate of the wife of the petitioner has been issued by the competent authority on 24.02.2019 which has been brought on record.

3. It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioner that in the light of the resolution of the Government dated 22.08.2015 issued by the Social Welfare Department of the Government, the next kith and kin of an Aanganwari Sevika/Sahayika who dies while



remaining in duty is entitled to an *ex gratia* payment of Rs. 4 lakhs.

4. The petitioner claims to be the nearest relative of the deceased Aanganwari Sevika and therefore seeks direction to the respondent authorities to make available to him the *ex gratia* payment for the death of his wife.

5. The petitioner therefore is directed by this Court to make a representation before the District Programme Officer, Gopalganj (respondent no. 4) who shall enquire into the matter, verify and ascertain the entitlement of the petitioner to receive *ex gratia* payment and if the claim of the petitioner is found to be tenable, shall pass necessary order for such *ex gratia* payment. The representation shall be filed within a period of four weeks from today and the concerned respondent shall pass order within a period of six weeks of the receipt of such representation.

6. With the aforesaid direction/observation, the writ petition is disposed of.

(Ashutosh Kumar, J)

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