

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3842 of 2019

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Ravi Shankar Kumar Son of Late Ram Das R/o Mohalla Chhoti Badalpura,
P.O. and P.S. Khagaul, District Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The Union Of India through the General Manager, East Central Railway, Hajipur
2. The General Manager East Central Railway, Hajipur
3. The Chief Personnel Officer East Central Railway, Hajipur
4. The Divisional Railway Manager East Central Railway, Danapur
5. The Divisional Railway Manager (Personnel) East Central Railway, Danapur
6. The Welfare Inspector East Central Railway, Danapur

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Prabhu Nath Pathak, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Anil Kumar Sinha, Advocate
For Railways	:	Mr. Anjani Kumar Saran, A.A.G.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. ANJANA MISHRA
ORAL JUDGMENT
(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date : 27-02-2019

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner. The defects are ignored.

Having considered the submissions raised and having heard Shri Rakesh Kumar Singh, holding the brief of Shri Anjani Kumar Saran, Additional Advocate General, for the Railways, we find that this writ petition has been filed after an inordinate delay of almost ten years and the explanation sought to be given for the delay does not appear to be convincing. The



petition is heavily barred by laches, more so, as the subject-matter relates to compassionate appointment. The employee had died in harness in the year 1992. The matter travelled to the Central Administrative Tribunal where it was, ultimately, disposed off in 2008.

We are, therefore, not inclined to interfere on the ground of laches. The petition stands rejected.

(Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, CJ)

(Anjana Mishra, J)

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