

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.6549 of 2017

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Jiya Tanti son of Late Shwarup Tanti, resident of Village- Bhagirathpur, P.O.-
Birsayar, P.S.- Sakri, District- Madhubani.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Secretary, Department of Water Resources,
Government of Bihar, Sinchai Bhawan, Patna - 1
2. The Chief Engineer, Department of Water Resources, Darbhanga
3. The Executive Engineer, Western Koshi Canal Division No.1, Sakri,
District- Madhubani.
4. Joint Commissioner cum Director, General Provident Fund Bihar, Pant
Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna.
5. District Provident Fund Officer, Madhubani.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Rabindra Nath Kanth, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : None

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN
ORAL JUDGMENT
Date : 18-05-2020

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner through video
conference.

2. The present writ petition has been filed for “a direction to
the respondents to calculate the amount of General Provident Fund of
the petitioner and to make payment of balance amount of General
Provident Fund accumulation together with statutory rate of interest
till the date of payment as well as penal interest on account of
inordinate delay, laches and negligence on the part of Respondents for
non-payment of the same.”

3. At the outset itself, learned counsel for the petitioner makes
a statement at the Bar that the grievance of the petitioner has since
been redressed and the amount of General Provident Fund (GPF) has
been paid to him during pendency of the writ petition. However, the
petitioner claims interest for delayed payment of the amount of GPF.



4. None appears on behalf of the respondents when the matter is called, despite a link for the video conference having been sent through SMS/email.

5. Having regard to the statement made on behalf of the petitioner to the effect that the grievance of the petitioner already stands redressed with regard to payment of the GPF amount, the writ petition stands disposed of. The petitioner shall be at liberty to file an appropriate representation before the concerned authority, raising his claim for payment of interest. If any such representation is filed within a period of three weeks from today, the same shall be considered and disposed of in accordance with law after grant of an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

6. It is made clear that in view of the ongoing lockdown and Covid-19 pandemic, the concerned authority shall be at liberty to hear the petitioner through video conference and any correspondence between the parties may be made through email. To enable the same, the petitioner undertakes to furnish his mobile number and e-mail ID to the concerned authority without delay.

(Vikash Jain, J)

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