

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPS No. 10098 of 2019

1. Arvind Pratap Singh S/o. Late Rajmani Singh Aged About 35 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Clerk At Office Of SDO, Rural Engineering Services, Sub Division Sonhat, District Koriya, Chhattisgarh
2. Santosh Kumar Rajwade S/o. Shri Pancham Singh Rajwade Aged About 36 Years Occupation Service, Posted As Peon At Office Of Sdo, Rural Engineering Services, Sub Division Sonhat, District Koriya Chhattisgarh
3. Naresh Yadav S/o. Late Chhulli Yadav Aged About 42 Years Posted As Peon At Office Of SDO, Rural Engineering Service, Sub Division Baikunthpur, District Koriya Chhattisgarh
4. Wasim Ahmad Khan S/o. A. Haqem Khan Aged About 32 Years Posted As Computer Operator At Office Of SDO, Rural Engineering Services, Sub Division Baikunthpur, District Koriya Chhattisgarh
5. Vijay Kumar Dubey S/o Late Shiv Kumar Dubey Aged About 45 Years Posted As Guard In The Office Of SDO, Rural Engineering Services, Sub Division Baikunthpur, District Koriya Chhattisgarh

---- Petitioners

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through- The Secretary, Department Of Rural Engineering Services, Mantralaya, Atal Nagar, District Raipur Chhattisgarh
2. Chief Engineer Rural Engineering Department Raipur Chhattisgarh,
3. Superintendent Engineer Rural Engineering Services, Surguja Division Ambikapur, District Surguja At Ambikapur Chhattisgarh
4. Sub Divisional Officer Rural Engineering Services, Sub Division Sonhat, District Koriya Chhattisgarh
5. Sub Divisional Officer Rural Engineering Service, Sub Division Baikunthpur, District Koriya Chhattisgarh

----Respondents

For petitioners- Shri Ashok Kumar Shukla, Advocate.
For State – Smt. Richa Shukla, Dy.G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Goutam Bhaduri

Order

22/01/2020

Heard.

1. Learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are working in the department of Rural Engineering Services. Since 2008 they were paid salary, however from December, 2017 onwards all of a sudden

their salary have been stopped. Learned counsel referred to the annexures and would submit that certificate has been issued by the SDO Rural Engineering, District Korla which fortifies the fact that the petitioners are working, therefore without any rhyme or reason if salary are withheld then it will lead to starvation.

2. Despite time granted to the State counsel to seek instruction on 4/12/2019, again today also no instruction has been received by the State.

3. Perusal of the document would show that document has been issued by the SDO Rural Engineering, Baikunthpur (Korla). The letters have been addressed by the petitioners to the Chief Engineer as also to the different authorities wherein they have stated that though they are working since last many years, from December, 2017 their salary have not been released. Considering the certificate which has been issued by the respective government official, prima facie it shows that the petitioners though were working their salary are not being paid. Consequently, respondent No.2 Chief Engineer, Rural Engineering Department, Raipur shall look into the case of the petitioners and may sought for the necessary information from the subordinate and after due verification shall make all endeavour to release the salary of the petitioners forthwith within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. With such observation, the petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-

(Goutam Bhaduri)

JUDGE