

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Letters Patent Appeal No.278 of 2015

In
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.8053 of 2009

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The State Of Bihar through the Secretary cum commissioner, Department of Health, Government of Bihar.

2.The deputy Commissioner Special Secretary, Department of health, Government of Bihar, Patna.

3.The Director in Chief, Department of Health, Government of Bihar, Patna.

4.The Deputy Secretary, Department of Health, Government of Bihar, Patna.

5.The District Magistrate, Begusarai.

6.The Civil Surgeon cum Chief Medical Officer, Begusarai.

7.The Superintendent, P.P. Program, Sadar Hospital, Begusarai.

8.The In-charge, Medical Officer, P.P. Program, Sadar Hospital, Begusarai.

9.The Superintendent, ANM School, Sadar Hospital, Begusarai.

10.The In-charge Medical Officer, Additional Primary Health Centre, Deopura, Begusarai.

... Respondents-Appellant/s

Versus

Urmila Devi, Wife of Ram Bahadur Ram, Resident of Mohallah, Telia Pokhar, Sangat, Ward NO. 5, PS Town (Begusarai) District Begusarai (Bihar).

... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Appellant/s : Mr.Pushkar Narain Shahi, AAG-6

Mr. Patanjali Rishi, Adv

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Amresh Kumar Verma, Adv

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. KUMAR

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date : 06-12-2021

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

This LPA under Clause 10 of Letters Patent Appeal has been preferred for setting aside the judgment and order dated 06.10.2009 in CWJC No. 8053 of 2009 (Urmila Devi Vs. state of Bihar & Ors and its analogous cases) passed by learned Single Judge of this Court.

Since the State has seriously challenged the authenticity of the documents placed on record by the writ petitioner-respondent herein hence disputed question of fact arise which cannot be easily adjudicated in the present petition, as such, as jointly prayed for we are passing the following order:-

The learned Single Judge had disposed of the writ petition vide order dated 06.10.2009 passed in CWJC No. 8053 of 2009 (Urmila Devi Vs. state of Bihar & Ors and its analogous cases).

Against the order passed by learned Single Judge State of Bihar had preferred this appeal in which on 10.11.2020 following order was passed:-

“10.11.2020

None appears on behalf of the writ-petitioner.

On behalf of the State, it is pointed out that the matter in issue is squarely covered vide judgment dated 17th of October, 2019 passed by Hon'ble the Apex Court in Civil Appeal No. 7879 of 2019 arising out of S.L.P. (Civil) No. 11885 of 2012 titled as State of Bihar Vs. Devendra Sharma.

As none has appeared, list in the category of ' Order Matters' on 27th of November, 2020.”

It is not in dispute before us that the issue with regard to the appointments, whether illegal or irregular now stands settled vide judgment of Hon'ble the Apex Court in the case of **State**

of Bihar and Ors. vs. Devendra Sharma since reported in **(2020) 15 SCC 466.**

The writ petitioner/respondent case is now to be factually verified in view of the principles enunciated in the said decision.

In this view of the matter, as jointly prayed for, we dispose of the present appeal with a direction to the appellant authority to consider the case of the writ petitioner/respondent herein in the light of the ratio laid down in **Devendra Sharma (supra).**

Writ petitioner/respondent herein shall approach the appellant authority within a period of four weeks for which period status quo as on date shall be maintained, failing which there shall be automatic vacation of the order, with all consequences to follow.

However, as and when any such request is received, the same shall be considered and decided in accordance with law within a period of two months thereafter. The authority shall pass an order accounting for all the attending facts and circumstances of the present case, including the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in **Devendra Sharma (supra).** Whether the writ petitioner/respondent's appointment is illegal

or irregular would be examined with all resultant consequences.

Copy of the order assigning reason shall be supplied to the writ petitioner/respondent herein .

Liberty reserved to writ petitioner/respondent herein to approach the court, should the need so arise subsequently, on the same and subsequent cause of action.

The appeal stands disposed of with aforesaid observation and direction.

Interlocutory application (s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(Sanjay Karol, CJ)

(S. Kumar, J)

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