

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3597 of 2022

Shiv Prakash Rai S/o Late Nageshwar Rai Resident of Dhobi Ghat, Gali No.-
2, Charitravan, P.S. - Buxar, District - Buxar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Energy, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Energy, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Chief Engineer, Department of Energy, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
4. The Electrical Superintendent Engineer, Arrah Circle, Bihar.
5. The Electrical Executive Engineer, District - Buxar.
6. The Assistant Electrical Engineer, Dumraon, District - Buxar.
7. South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited, Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna through its Chairman-cum-Managing Director.
8. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited, Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna.
9. Emdee Digitronics Pvt. Ltd., 5B Saraswati Apartment, 114/1 Golaghata Road, Kolkata - 700048, Bihar Office - Emdee Digitronics Pvt. Ltd., 6/5, Anandpuri, West Boring Canal Road, Near Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir, Patna - 800001 through its Managing Director.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Madhu Prasun, Advocate Mrs. Renu Kumari, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Yogendra Prasad Sinha, AAG-7

CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

(The proceedings of the Court are being conducted by Hon'ble the Chief Justice/ Hon'ble Judges through Video Conferencing from their residential offices/residences. Also, the Advocates and the Staffs joined the proceedings through Video Conferencing from their residences/offices.)

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Petitioner has prayed for the following relief(s):-



- (i) **FOR** issuance of appropriate Writ / Writs, Order / Orders, Direction / Directions commanding the Respondents to provide adequate social security to the Electricity Meter Readers and Supervisors by ensuring them continuity of their respective employments which have been put at stake by way of outsourcing through intermediary company, to ensure payment of minimum wages as fixed by the competent government without arbitrary deductions and commissions to the intermediary company, to provide them grievance redressal mechanism, to ensure human and dignified treatment to them, to ensure that the concerned Respondent may not act against such employees without following the principles of natural justice and established principles of service law and to ensure that no harsh condition for their employment be imposed such as purchase of devices necessary for their work and opening of current account in the bank etc. especially in view of the fact that they work on a very meagre remuneration.
- (ii) **FOR** any other relief / reliefs for which the Petitioner is entitled under law.

After the matter was heard for some time, finding the Court not to be in favour with the submissions made across the Bar, learned counsel for the petitioner, under instructions, states that petitioner shall be content if he is permitted to withdraw the present petition reserving liberty to take recourse to such other alternative remedies, as are otherwise available in law.

Permission granted.



We are sure that as and when any such proceedings are initiated, the same shall be considered and decided in accordance with law.

It is made clear that we have not expressed any opinion on merits. All issues are left open.

The petition stands disposed of as withdrawn with the liberty aforesaid.

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

(Sanjay Karol, CJ)

(S. Kumar, J)

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