

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.17122 of 2022

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1. Rubbi Kumari wife of Om Prakash, resident of Village Jondhi Tola Radi Dih, P.O. Bankey Bazar, P.S. Bankey Bazar, District Gaya, presently posted as Panchayat Teacher, Primary School, Karma, Panchayat Bhangiya, Block Dumariya, District Gaya.
 2. Neetu Kumari, wife of Ajay Kumar Gupta, resident of Village- Manjhauli, P.O. Dumariya, P.S. Dumariya, District Gay, presently posted as Panchayat Teacher, Primary School, Mahudi Panchayat, Maudhi, Block Dumariya, District Gaya.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, Bihar, Patna.
2. The Director (Primary Education), Education Department, Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Gaya.
4. The District Education Officer, Gaya.
5. The District Programme Officer (Establishment), Gaya.
6. The Block Education Officer, Dumariya, District Gaya.
7. The Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Bhangiya, Block Dumariya, District Gaya.
8. The Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Mahudi, Block Dumariya, District Gaya.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Birendra Kumar Singh, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Smt. Binita Singh (Sc28)

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV PRAKASH
SHARMA**

ORAL ORDER

2 19-12-2022

1. Heard the parties.

2. The petitioners pray that their salary be released.

3. Keeping in view the observations made by this

Court in C.W.J.C. No. 22186 of 2019 (Pallavi Kumari Vs. State of Bihar & Ors.) and analogous cases dated 29.11.2022 has held



as under:-

“8 Keeping in view above, it is directed that the salary of the teachers shall not be withheld on excuses as above and arrears of salary shall also be released. Fund in this regard shall be made available by the Education Department to the concerned employment units for the purpose of payment. It is made clear that if the arrears are not released within a stipulated period of four months from today, the teachers would be entitled to receive interest on the arrears of the amount of salary at the rate of nine per cent. The interest amount shall be recoverable from the respective District Education Officers/District Programme Establishment Officer. 9. If the salary/arrears of salary are not released, the concerned teacher would also be entitled to file an appeal before the respective District Appellate Authority. If such an appeal is preferred, the same shall be decided expeditiously within a period of three months. If required, the District Appellate Authority/State Appellate Authority would be also empowered to impose penalty in terms of Rule 16 of the Rules of 2020 which provides as under:

“16. Power to impose Punishment:- In case of non-compliance of the order/direction or in case of any complaints by the party for compliance of the order:-

(i) The Appellate Authority shall impose punishment against-concerned party but he will be given adequate opportunity of hearing before imposing punishment.



(ii) The Appellate Authority may impose penalty upto Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty thousand only) upon the answerable party. The amount of penalty shall be deposited in the Treasury under the head indicated by the Department. The amount of penalty shall be recoverable by way of Public demand.

(iii) The Appellate Authority shall have jurisdiction to make recommendation to the concerned Department to initiate Departmental proceeding or to take necessary action against the delinquent employee under the provisions of Bihar Service Code/Bihar Panchayat Raj Act 2006/Bihar Municipal Act 2007 and other relevant provisions.”

4. Keeping in view above, the same directions are held to be applicable in the present case mutatis mutandis.

5. The writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

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Item no.16

(Sanjeev Prakash Sharma, J)

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