

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2318 of 2023

Manoj Kumar Ray, S/o Jay Lal Ray, R/o Village-Nadai, P.O.- Goraman Singh,
P.S.- Jamalpur (OP Bargoa), Dist- Darbhanga, Bihar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bihar, Old Secretariat, Patna.
3. The Principal Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Bihar, Patna, Old Secretariat, Patna.
4. The Principal Secretary, Department of Panchayati Raj Department, Govt. of Bihar, Main Secretariat, Patna.
5. The Director MANREGA, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
6. The Divisional Commissioner, Darbhanga Division, Darbhanga, Bihar.
7. The District Magistrate, Darbhanga, Bihar.
8. The DDC, Darbhanga, Bihar.
9. The District Panchayati Raj Officer, Darbhanga, Bihar.
10. The District Programme Officer, MANREGA, Darbhanga, Bihar.
11. The Block Programme Officer, MANREGA, Goraboram Block, Darbhanga.
12. The Panchayat Rojgaar Sevak, Panchayat Raj, Nadai Gram Panchayat Goraboram Block, Darbhanga.
13. Shri Dev Narayan Ray, Ex. Mukhiya, Nadai Gram Panchayat, P.O.- Goraman Singh, P.S.- Jamalpur (OP Bargoa), Dist- Darbhanga, Bihar.
14. Ram Karan Yadav, the Contractor cum PDS Dealers, Nadai, Village, P.O.- Goraman Singh, P.S.- Jamalpur (OP Bargoa), Dist- Darbhanga, Bihar.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Surendra Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Kumar Alok, SC-7

CORAM: HONOURABLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MADHURESH PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE)

2 24-02-2023 The petitioner has filed the present writ petition in the nature of Public Interest Litigation seeking direction for institution of an enquiry/investigation by a high level



committee/Special Investigation Team (SIT)/Vigilance, into large scale bungling, fraud and financial irregularities relating to the funds of MGNREGA under Scheme Nos.14 and 15 of 2018-19 of Nadai Village.

The petitioner has made a bald statement in paragraph 3 of the writ application that he is a citizen of India and that he has no direct or indirect personal interest in the matter. The petitioner, in our view, has not been able to make out a case that he is a public spirited person and in that capacity, he has filed the present writ application, in public interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that huge public fund has been siphoned off by several persons which was allocated for the Scheme under MGNREGA.

The petitioner instead of approaching this Court could have approached appropriate forum by filing criminal case if, according to the petitioner, the public money has been siphoned off.

This writ application filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has no merit and is, accordingly, dismissed.

(Chakradhari Sharan Singh, ACJ)

(Madhuresh Prasad, J)

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