

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3423 of 2020

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Bebi Devi Wife of Late Arun Kumar Pani Tanki, Babuaganj, P.S.- Alamganj,
Gulzarbagh, Patna-7, District- Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
4. The Superintendent, Secretariat Press, Gulzarbagh, Patna-7, District- Patna.
5. The Incharge Superintendent, Secretariat Press, Gulzarbagh, Patna.
6. The District Magistrate cum Chairman Compassionate Appointment, District- Patna.
7. The A.D.M. Establishment, Collectorate District- Patna.
8. The Deputy Collector Establishment, Collectorate, Patna District- Patna.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Arvind Prasad Singh, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Anil Kumar Singh (GP26)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MADHURESH PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

4 12-07-2023 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the State.

2. On mentioning slip being filed for priority listing,
the matter has been listed today under the heading ‘To Be
Mentioned’.

3. The petitioner’s husband passed away while in
service on 16.10.2012. Claiming the benefit of compassionate
appointment she has approached the authority by an application,
which as per stand taken in the counter affidavits filed by the



authority, is pending consideration before the District Level Compassionate Committee.

4. The matter relates to Patna and the unfortunate demise of the petitioner's husband is in the year 2012, whereas the writ application is being heard in 2023. To say the least, the state of affairs is undesirable. Keeping the application of compassionate appointment pending for over a decade is *prima facie* unacceptable.

5. The writ application is, therefore, disposed of with direction to the District Magistrate -cum- Chairman, Compassionate Appointment, District- Patna (respondent no. 6) to ensure taking of a final decision with respect to the petitioner's claim within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order. If required, the petitioner may be called upon to submit documents. The entire exercise must be completed within a period of eight weeks.

(Madhuresh Prasad, J)

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