

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.9736 of 2015

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Sulekha Kumari W/o Sri Ajit Kumar Singh R/O village- Daud Nagar,
Chakgadho, P.O. Daud Nagar Chakgadho, Block P.S.- Bidupur, District
Vaishali.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The Director, Department of Welfare, Bihar, Patna.
3. The Deputy Director , Welfare Department, Tirhut Division, Muzaffarpur.
4. The District Magistrate, Vaishali.
5. The District Programme Officer, Vaishali.
6. The Block Development Officer, Daudnagar Prakhanda, Bidupur, Vaishali,
Vaishali.
7. The Child Development Project Officer, Bidupur Rural Vaishali.
8. Anjali Devi , Ward Member , Ward No. 9 Daud Nagar, Chakgadho , Block
P.S - Bidupur, District - Vaishali
9. Kamli Kumari W/o Sri Harendra Prasad Singh R/o At and P.O. Daud Nagar ,
Chakgadho, Block P.S. - Bidupur, District - Vaishali.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mrs. Namrata Mishra, Advocate
Mrs. Archana Jha, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. K. Singh, AC to SC-28

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MOHIT KUMAR SHAH
ORAL JUDGMENT
Date : 17-08-2023

1. The present writ petition has been filed
seeking the following reliefs:-

*"1.(I) For quashing of order contained
in memo no. 83 dated 16.04.2015
passed by the Deputy Director,
Welfare, Tirhut Division, Muzaffarpur,
in Aganwari Service Appeal Case*



No.103/2013-14 whereby and whereunder the Appellate Authority on the appeal filed by the petitioner has set aside the order dated 23.09.2013 passed by the District Programme Officer, Vaishali in Case No. 103/2013-14 and has directed for holding fresh selection of Aganwari Sevika for centre no.223, Daudnagar Prakhanda, Bidupur, Vaishali.

(II). For also quashing of the order dated 23.09.2013 passed by the District Programme Officer, Vaishali in Case No. 103/2013-14 whereby and whereunder the petitioner's appointment on the post of Aganwari Sevika for centre no.223, Daudnagar Prakhanda, Bidupur, Vaishali, has been held to be not legal and directed for appointment of Respondent no. 9 on the said post of Aganwari sevika.

(III) For a direction to the authorities to make payment of salary/honorarium and other emoluments for the period she worked at the Aganwari Centre No. 223 since August, 2014. "



2. At this juncture, this Court would refer to a judgment rendered by the learned Division Bench of this Court in the case of ***Babita Kumari v. The State of Bihar and others***, reported in **2016 SCC Online Pat 9434**, paragraphs no. 7 and 8 whereof are reproduced herein below:-

“7. Having considered the rival contentions, we do not find any merit in the present appeal. The charges against the appellant were very clear as would be apparent from the show cause dated 22.02.2012, which was issued in light of the findings in the enquiry report as well as the relevant documents/registers which were required to be maintained at the Centre. Reply given by the appellant, copy of which has been brought on record, does not indicate any justification and rather it has been stated that on 24.09.2011 at the time of Inspection, the children were still coming and on 07.10.2011, she herself had gone to call the children and during that time the inspection was held. It was further stated by the appellant that on 30.09.2011 she had



become ill due to being drenched by rain. We find that such explanation is vague and evasive and does not inspire confidence. The spirit and object of running Anganbadi Centres cannot be overemphasized and the purpose is to ensure the welfare of children from the lowermost and deprived strata of society. Any lapse in execution of the said scheme has to be taken very seriously. Closure of even one day entails the beneficiaries going without their meals, which cannot be overlooked. Thus, we do not find any infirmity in the decision of the authorities cancelling her selection as well as the procedure adopted by them prior to passing such order.

8. For the reasons aforesaid, the Letters Patent Appeal, being devoid of merit, stands dismissed."

3. It would be apt to refer to yet another judgment rendered by the learned Division Bench of this Court in the case of **Neetu Kumari v. The State of Bihar and others**, reported in **2011 (4)**



PLJR 20, paragraphs no. 4 and 5 whereof are reproduced herein below:-

“4. In our considered view, the post of Anganbari Sevika is not a post having security of tenure or protection under Article 311 of Constitution of India. Considering the very nature of engagement which provides of honorarium, we are of the view that in case the appellant still feels aggrieved, she may approach the Civil Court for damages. There is nothing at stake in such a scheme other than honorarium. For such contractual engagements the relief of reinstatement is not appropriate and even if there is breach of the scheme or any other principle of law, the claim should ordinarily be permitted, if found good on merits, only for damages.

5. The appeal is dismissed.”

4. Considering the law laid down by the learned Division Bench of this Court, as aforesaid, the learned counsel for the petitioner seeks not to press the present writ petition, however, seeks liberty on behalf of the petitioner to avail such



other alternative remedies as are otherwise available under the law. Liberty, so sought, is granted.

5. The writ petition stands dismissed as not pressed.

(Mohit Kumar Shah, J)

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