

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.11489 of 2015

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Smt. Ragini Kumari wife of Arun Kumar resident of village Bua Tola, Ward No. 4, P.S. Dhaka District East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar through Director, I.C.D.S.Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector, East Champaran, Motihari.
3. The Child Development Project Officer, Dhaka, District East Champaran.
4. The District Programme Officer, East Champaran, Motihari.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rajani Ranjan Pd. Singh, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. P.N. Shahi- AAG-10

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA
ORAL JUDGMENT

Date : 30-01-2023

1. In this writ petition grievance raised is relating to appointment of Anganwari Worker.

2. In CWJC No. 21963 of 2014 decided on 12.12.2022 (Reena Kumari Vs. State of Bihar & Ors.,) this Court has held that the post of Anganwari Worker does not fall within the purview of State or Subordinate Services. The post of Anganwari Worker is under a scheme introduced by Govt. of India and respective State Govts. and regulated by guidelines which are non-statutory and therefore not enforceable in law. The appointment is on honorarium basis and no statutory procedure has been laid down.

3. Of course, under the guidelines, grievance against appointment of Anganwari Worker can be raised before the Collector of concerned district with a further revision to the



Commissioner.

4. Even the orders passed by the Collector or the Commissioner would not be a subject matter of judicial review as the power being exercised by them relating to a dispute of Anganwari Worker is under guidelines and they do not act as a statutory authority while deciding such dispute. In view thereof, the writ petition would not be maintainable even against the orders of the Collector or the Commissioner.

5. Leaving it open to the respective writ petition to avail any of the aforesaid remedies, if they have not so availed, the writ petition is held to be not maintainable.

6. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed with the aforesaid liberty.

7. If an appeal/revision is filed, the same shall be decided expeditiously within a period of six months and the question of limitation will not arise.

(Sanjeev Prakash Sharma, J)

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