

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.10638 of 2019**

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1. Suresh Prasad Singh Son of Late Sudin Singh Resident of Village-at Abgilla, P.O. Mohanpur, Via Punpun, P.S. Gourichak, in the District of Patna
2. Bidya Nand Kumar Singh Son of Late Shri Indradeo Prasad Singh Resident of Rana Bigha, P.S. Barh District-Patna
3. Ramswarup Yadav Son of Late Swarika Yadav Son of Late Swarika Yadav, Resident of Shri Rampur, P.O.-P.S. Akbar Nagar, in the District of Bhagalpur
4. Ram Ratan Sharma Son of Late Bodhi Singh Resident of Ataua, P.O. Gonama, P.S. Nawada, District Nawada (Bihar).
5. Ram Murat Ram Son of Late Ram Narayan Yadav Resident of Sarai Rasulpur, P.S. Balua, District Chandouli (U.P.)
6. Surendra Prasad Son of Late Charitar Sar, Resident of Alamganj Chouki, P.S.-Guljarbagh, District Patna
7. Amarnath Gupta Son of Late Ramdayal Lal Gupta Resident of Ramujee Chak, P.S. Digha, In the District of Patna-18
8. Hira Prasad Singh Son of Late Lallan Singh Resident of Village-at Bharuhia, P.O. Sirihira (Hata), P.S. Chand, in the District of Kaimur (Bhabhua), Bihar
9. Sudhakar Prasad Singh Son of Late Motilal Singh Resident of Village at Prasando, P.S. Haveli Kharagpur, in the District of Munger, Bihar.,
10. Jagadish Prasad Sinha Son of Late Indralal Singh Resident of Chimiya-bela, P.S. Punpun, in the District of Patna
11. Sanichar Mahto Son of Late Parmeshwar Mahto Resident of Ratnapur, P.S. Suraj Gardhu, District-Lakhisharai, Bihar
12. Sudhir Kumar Madhukar Son of Late Kolahi Mahto Resident of Konipar, Surajgardha, District-Lakhisarai.
13. Satya Narayan Singh, Sathi Son of Late Khublal Singh Resident of Mohalla-Gayatri Nagar, P.S. Kotwali, District-Munger, Bihar.
14. Shyam Nandan Prasad Son of Late Shukhdeo Prasad Resident of Sherpur, P.S. Basdeopur, District Munger
15. Anugrah Narayan Singh Son of Late Ram Nihora Singh Resident of Prasadi English, P.S. Arwal, District Arwal, Bihar
16. Birendra Singh Tyagi, Mangat Singh Tyagi, P.S. Bahadurgarh, District Hatur (U.P.).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, Patna
2. The Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Patna
3. The Director-Cum-Chief Engineer, Water and Land Management Institute, Walmi, Phulwari Sharif, Patna



4. The Commissioner-Cum-Secretary, Water Resources Development Department, Government of Bihar, Sinchai Bhawan, Patna.
5. Deputy Secretary, Command Area Development Directorate, Old Secretariat, Bihar, Patna
6. Dy. Development Commissioner-cum-Chairman-cum-Superintending Engineer-I (Head Office), Gandak Command Area Development Agency, Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
7. Director, Water and Management Institute, Khagoul, Patna

... .. Respondent/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Satyendra Narayan Singh, Adv  
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vinay Kirti Singh (Ga2)

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DR. ANSHUMAN**  
**ORAL JUDGMENT**

**Date : 19-12-2023**

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for respondent Nos.2 to 6.

2. All the counsels submit that the Gandak Command Area Development Agency, Koshi Command Area Development Agency and Sone Command Area Development Agency have been merged into Water and Land Management Institute (in short as the 'WALMI') and Director is the competent authority to decide the issues raised in the present writ petition and other similarly situated persons.

3. The present writ petition has been filed prior to the merger of the said Agencies into WALMI and, therefore, petitioner is directed to add WALMI as party respondent No.7 in



course of the day.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the grievance of the present petitioner is now against newly added respondent No.7.

5. Therefore, the petitioner is directed to file fresh representation before the Director, WALMI-respondent No.7 in this case within four weeks from the date of disposal of the writ petition and the Director, WALMI, Khagaul, is directed to consider the grievance of the petitioner within three months thereafter by way of passing a reasoned and speaking order.

6. It is made clear that in the light of 4(C) of the notified Bihar State Litigation Policy, 2011, respondent no. 7 is bound to pass the order.

7. With this direction, the application is disposed of.

**(Dr. Anshuman, J)**

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