

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.5819 of 2023**

Manoj Kumar Tiwari S/O - Late Vikrama Tiwari Resident of Village and P.O-  
Barahan gopal, P.S.- Siwan, District- Siwan, At present 441 line no.- 14  
kashidih, Sakchi, P.S- kali mali District- East Singhbhum, State- Jharkhand.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Health,  
Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Secretary, Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Siwan
4. The Civil Surgeon District Siwan.

... .. Respondent/s

**Appearance :**

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| For the Petitioner/s | : | Mr.Pritish Ranjan, Adv.<br>Mr. Adarsh Ranjan, Adv.           |
| For the Respondent/s | : | Mr.Ramadhar Singh, GP-25<br>Mr. Harvendra Kumar, AC to GP-25 |

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MOHIT KUMAR SHAH**  
**ORAL ORDER**

2      16-10-2023                      The present writ has been filed seeking the following  
relief:-

“1. For issuance of an appropriate writ/writs,  
order/orders in the nature of mandamus directing  
the respondents for the payment of Rs 4 lakhs for  
the kin of people who died of Covid, as per the  
order issued in a public interest by the state  
government of Bihar (Annexure-1) that the kin of  
any person who succumbed to Covid-19 can claim  
the amount by presenting documents to prove that  
the death was due to the pandemic. Before  
payment was done from the C.M Relief Fund,  
later it was given from the State Disaster Relief  
Fund (SDRF). The Hon'ble Supreme Court had  
approved an amount of Rs 50,000 as ex gratia to



the family members of those who died of Covid-19, as suggested by the central government. For issuance of a writ/order/direction for which the petitioner may be found legally entitled to under the facts and circumstances stated herein under.”

2. After some arguments, the learned counsel for the petitioner seeks liberty on behalf of the petitioner to approach the District Magistrate, Siwan, for redressal of his aforesaid grievances, in view of the disputed question of facts, which have arisen in the present case. Liberty, so sought, is granted.
3. The writ petition stands disposed off as not pressed.

**(Mohit Kumar Shah, J)**

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