

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.529 of 2023

Subodh Kumar Singh Son of Gajendra Prasad Singh Resident of ward no.- 9,
Bhargama Paikpar, P.S. and Disst.- Araria.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Engineer-in- Chief-cum-Special Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
4. The Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
5. The Superintending Engineer, Public Health Engineering Circle, Purnea.
6. The Executive Engineer, Public Health Division, Araria.
7. The Executive Engineer, Public Health Division, Farbisganj.
8. The Sub Divisional Officer-cum-Assistant Engineer, Public Health Sub Division, Farbisganj.
9. Junior Engineer, Public Health Sub Division, Farbisganj.
10. District Magistrate-cum-Chief Election Officer, Ararai.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Siyaram Pandey
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Arvind Ujjwal (Sc 4)

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A. ABHISHEK REDDY
ORAL ORDER

7 12-12-2023

Heard the learned counsels for the parties.

The present writ petition has been filed for the
following relief(s):-

“1. That this is an application for issuance of a writ in the nature of writ of mandamus or an appropriate writ/writs/,order/orders or direction/directions commanding the respondents to make the payment of the admitted dues (i.e. to the tune of Rs.54,18,000/-(fifty four lacs eighteen thousands only) for the work done by the petitioner during



Lok Sabha Election, 2019 for temporary construction of hammer(chapakal) and toilets for the para military forces in the government/private schools/colleges and other government buildings, the places where the paramilitary forces stayed during election, with 12% interest on delayed payments.

III. and/or Be pleased to pass such other order or orders which may be deemed fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of case.”

3. Learned counsel for the respondents has stated that pursuant to the orders passed by the District Election Officer-cum-District Magistrate, Araria the Three-Men-Committee has submitted a report dated 29.12.2022. The Three-Men-Committee has found the claim made by the petitioner as genuine and recommended for payment of the amount therefore a direction may be given to the authorities concerned to pay the admitted dues to the petitioner.

4. A perusal of the report shows that the amount of Rs. 59,18,000/- (Five Nine Lakh Eighteen Thousand) is to be paid to the petitioner, out of which an amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Five Lakh) is already paid, the balance amount due to the petitioner is Rs. 54,18,000/- (Five Four Lakh Eighteen Thousand).

5. Having regard to the report submitted by the Three-Men Committee, the authorities are directed to make payment of the admitted dues to the petitioner as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. If the amount is not paid within



the stipulated time, the authorities shall be liable to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of submission of the bills till the date of payment.

6. With the above direction, the present writ petition stands disposed off.

(A. Abhishek Reddy, J)

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