

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.10745 of 2023

Devendra Prasad Singh Son of Late Devsharan Singh R/o Village- Mahesh Chhapra, P.S.- Masarak, District- Chhapra, at present residing at Kailash Bhawan, Devi Mandir Road, P.S- Shashtrinagar, District- Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar Through the Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Patna,
2. The Accountant General of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department Patna, Samagra Yojana Wonmeshan Avam Yojana Ayojan.
4. The Service Grievance Redressal Officer, Water resources Department, Government of Bihar Patna.
5. The Executive Engineer, Jal Vigyan Pramandal-2, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
6. The Under Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mrs. Mahasweta Chatterjee, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Vikash Kumar, SC 11
		Mr. Rewti Kant Raman, AC to SC 11

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NANI TAGIA
ORAL ORDER

7 08-02-2024 Heard Mrs. Mahasweta Chatterjee, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Rewti Kant Raman, learned AC to SC 11 for the State.

2. The petitioner who was appointed in the year 1968 and retired on 31st March, 2013 has preferred this writ petition praying for direction to the respondent authority for grant of pay scale of Rs. 5000- 8,000/- i.e the lowest pay scale of the Research Assistant after grant of first promotion under the



A.C.P Scheme with effect from 09.08.1999. He also seeks direction for next higher pay scale of Research Assistant Officer i.e 5500-9000/- after grant of next higher pay scale of Research Assistant Officer under A.C.P Scheme with effect from 09.08.1999.

3. The present writ petition was filed in the year 2023 which is after 10 years of the petitioner's retirement from the service as Gauze Reader.

4. In view of the fact that the writ petition has been filed with the aforesaid prayer after 10 years of the retirement of the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to entertain this writ petition on the ground of delay and laches in approaching this Court.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed on the ground of delay and laches in approaching this Court.

(Nani Tagia, J)

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