IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(S) No. 6449 of 2024

1. Rufenus Dangwar
2. Nilima Aguestina Herenj
3. Seteng Bhuinya
4. Savita Tilming
5. Helen Purti
6. Israil Mundu
7. Kalawati Hans
8. Veronica Dangwar
9. Mariam Mundu
10. Sudarshan Topno
11. Catherine Mundu
12. Elisaba Mundu
13. John Bara
14. Mariam Hassa
15. Shanti Terom
16. Romana Tirkey
17. Pyari Topno .... Petitioners

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand through Principal Secretary, School Education and Literacy Department, Ranchi.
2. The Director, Primary Education, School Education and Literacy Department, Ranchi.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, Khunti.
4. The District Superintendent of Education, Khunti.

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE S.N. PATHAK

For the Petitioners : Mr. Kripa Shankar Nanda, Advocate
For the Resp-State : Mr. Rakesh Kumar Roy, AC to GA-III

2/ 10.12.2024 The petitioners are retired Assistant Teachers from different Government minority aided schools and they are praying for differences of arrears of salary from April, 2018 to February, 2019 arising out of 7th PRC.

2. Mr. Kripa Shankar Nanda, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that despite the fund already released for the financial year 2022-23 by the Government for payment towards arrears of salary, the petitioners have not been extended their dues.

3. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Roy, learned counsel representing the respondents submits that though the fund has already been released for payment of arrears of salary, but it was made only for the arrears which

have accrued after 2000 and not before that. However, referring to paragraph-14 of the counter affidavit, learned counsel submits that the District Superintendent of Education, Khunti has directed the Secretary / Headmaster of the school Managing Committee vide letter no. 930 dated 23.10.2024 to send the report, so that it can be placed before the Director, Primary Education, Ranchi for releasing the fund. Learned counsel further submits that as soon as the report from the concerned school is received, necessary action shall be taken for releasing the required fund.

4. In view of fair submissions of the learned counsel for the parties and in particular the stands taken in the counter affidavit, this Court directs the District Superintendent of Education, Khunti to send the detail report upon getting it from the concerned school to the Director, Primary Education, Jharkhand, Ranchi for releasing the fund for payment of arrears of differences of salary on grant of 7th PRC to the petitioners, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt / production of a copy of this order. Upon receipt of the same, the Director, Primary Education, Jharkhand, Ranchi shall release the required fund, so that arrears of difference of salary from April, 2018 to February, 2019 shall be paid to the petitioners, within a further period of four weeks.

5. With these observations and directions, this writ petition stands disposed of.

(Dr. S. N. Pathak, J.)

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