

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.6796 of 2025

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M/s Amarnath Jha aged about 57 years, son of Bhagvat Jha, Resident of Village-Kishanpur, P.O.-Nawada, P.S. Bahera, District Darbhanga, Pin 847201 through his authorized signatory Guddu Kumar Jha, Male, aged about 34 years, son of Amarnath Jha, Resident of Village-Kishanpur, P.O. Nawada, P.s. Bahera, District-Darbhangha, Pin 847201.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, Old Secretariat Building, Patna.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Old Secretariat Building, Patna.
3. The Chief Engineer, Flood Control Division, Water Resources Department, Darbhanga.
4. The Chief Engineer, Flood Control Division, Water Resources Department, Samastipur.
5. The Superintendent Engineer, Flood Control Division, Water Resources Department, Darbhanga.
6. The Executive Engineer, Flood Control Division, Water Resources Department, Darbhanga.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Mritunjay Kumar, Advocate Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Advocate Ms. Shikha Thakur, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Kumar Alok, SC-7

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date: 23-06-2025

The petitioner has challenged the order dated



13.11.2024, contained in Memo No. 4415, issued by the Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, whereby the petitioner has been blacklisted for 10 years for not having completed the work allotted to him to the extent of 10%.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits it is highly excessive; more so, when the State is in know of the fact that 10% of the remaining work could not be completed for the reason of encroachment, which responsibility was of the State to have it removed.

3. However, during the course of hearing of this petition, this Court was informed that against the aforementioned order impugned in the present petition, an appeal has been filed on 16.12.2024 before the Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, which is pending consideration.

4. Under the aforesaid circumstances, we direct the Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar to dispose off the appeal of the petitioner within a period of four weeks by a reasoned order, which shall be communicated to him forthwith.



5. With the aforementioned direction, this writ petition stands disposed of.

(Ashutosh Kumar, ACJ)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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