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			WPSS/1883/2025 Hon'ble Manoj Kumar Tiwari, J. Mr. Jai Krishna Pandey, Advocate for the petitioner. 2. Mr. Rajeev Singh Bisht, Additional Chief Standing Counsel for the State of Uttarakhand. 3. According to the petitioner, he was appointed as member of Quick Response Team constituted by Chief Project Director, Uttarakhand Forest Resource Management Project in the year 2019 and he is serving as such ever since then to the satisfaction of all concerned. The grievance raised by the petitioner is that his remuneration has been withheld for certain period without any valid reason or justification and when petitioner made request to release his withheld remuneration, then he was discontinued. 4. By means of this writ petition, petitioner has sought the following reliefs:- *"(i) Issue a writ, order, or direction in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to release and pay all outstanding dues and arrears of honorarium payable to the petitioner, along with any other consequential benefits legally accruing to him;* *(ii) Issue a writ, order, or direction in the nature of mandamus, commanding the respondents to consider the petitioner for continuation/appointment to the post of Member, Wildlife Quick Response Team (QRT) under the Uttarakhand Forest Resource Management Project (JICA), in view of his past service record, experience, and continued necessity of his role".* 5. Learned State Counsel was asked to get instructions. On instructions, he submits that the Quick Response Team, in which petitioner was engaged was funded by Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA),

however, after March, 2023, the fund provided by JICA dried-up and petitioner was thereafter engaged under a State Sector Scheme, namely Human Animal Conflict and Gujjar Rehabilitation Scheme and petitioner served in the said scheme till February, 2025; since budget under the said Scheme also dried-up after February, 2025, therefore, petitioner was not continued any further. He, however, submits that as per his instructions, the remuneration due to the petitioner, has been paid.

6. Petitioner has relied upon a contract executed between Forest Range Officer Chhah Khata Range and petitioner and in para 6 thereof the remuneration payable to him is specified as Rs. 25,000/- per month and in para 5.1, it is mentioned that the contract was initially for a period of 12 months up to 31.03.2025, which may be renewed.

7. Since petitioner has contended that remuneration for the work done by him has not been released, therefore, the writ petition is disposed of by permitting petitioner to approach the Divisional Forest Officer concerned for payment of his pending dues. Petitioner shall also be at liberty to seek re-engagement by approaching the Divisional Forest Officer concerned. If petitioner makes representation within two weeks from today, decision thereupon shall be taken by the DFO concerned, as per law, within six weeks thereafter.

(Manoj Kumar Tiwari, J.)
18.11.2025

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