

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.4961 of 2025

1. Mahesh Kumar @ Mahesh Paswan S/o Bindeshwar Paswan, R/o Mohammad Pur Pohiar, Chamarhara Mamsai, P.S. Sahdei Buzurg, District - Vaisali.
2. Mohit Paswan, S/o Singeshwar Paswan, R/o Mohammad Pur Pohiar, Chamarhara Mamsai, P.S. Sahdei Buzurg, District - Vaisali.
3. Binda Paswan, S/o Garhu Paswan, R/o Mohammad Pur Pohiar, Chamarhara Mamsai, Sahdei Buzurg, District - Vaishali.
4. Lalmohan Paswan, S/o Narayan Paswan, Jay Narayan Paswan, R/o Mohammad pur Pohiar, Chamarhara Mamsai, P.S. Sahdei Buzurg, District - Vaisali.
5. Shivu Paswan, S/o Lachhman Paswan, R/o Mohammad pur Pohiar, Chamarhara Mamsai, P.S. Sahdei Buzurg, District - Vaisali.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. Union of India through Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yogna, Gramin), Government of India, Rural and Development Department Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yogna, Gramin), Government of India, Rural and Development Department Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
4. District Magistrate, Hajipur at Vaisali.
5. Deputy Development Commissioner, Hajipur at Vaisali.
6. District Panchayati Raj Padadhikari, Hajipur at Vaisali.
7. Sub Divisional Officer, Mahnar Hajipur at Vaishali.
8. Block Development Officer, Sahdei Buzurg Hajipur at Vaisali.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Binay Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Union of India	:	Ms. Priya Gupta, Advocate
For the State	:	Additional Solicitor General

CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR
ORAL JUDGMENT



(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date : 01-05-2026

This writ petition has been filed by the petitioners in the nature of Public Interest Litigation seeking the following relief(s):

- “(i) For issuance of a direction to the respondents authority to conduct an enquiry for the fund allotted under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yogna - Rural for construction of the house in the name of different beneficiary under Vill- Mohamad pur Pohiar Salha Panchayat Block Sahdei Sub Division Mahnar District Vaisali in which there is huge embezzlement of public money is involved in allotment of the fund to the original beneficiary.*
- (ii) For further direction to the respondents to recover the entire money from those who has got the said amount by personating themselves to be the original beneficiary and thereafter handed over the said amount to the original beneficiary.*
- (iii) For any other order or orders for which the petitioner is entitled may be pass by this Hon'ble court under the facts and circumstances of the case.”*

2. A supplementary counter affidavit has been filed on behalf of Respondent Nos.4 to 8, wherein, it is stated as follows:



- “5. That in this regard it is pertinent to point out herein that upon record based inquiry conducted at the block level, it was found that the irregular alteration of Aadhar numbers and bank accounts detail of PMAY (Rural) beneficiaries for financial year 2019-20 and 2020-21 in Salaha Panchayat, Block-Sahdei Buzurg, District-Vaishali occurred at the Panchayat Level. It is further stated here that the responsibility for the said irregularity has been fixed upon one Subodh Kant Kumar, the then Gramin Awas Sahayak, Panchayat Salaha, Block-Sahdei Buzurg who missused his entrusted role during the beneficiary verification and data entry.
6. That it is further stated here that vide Office Order No. 57 to 60 dated 19.04.2025, the recovery proceedings were initiated in coordination with the concerned branches against all the five wrong beneficiary and as a result thereof the entire amount of Rs. 1,20,000/- each from all five wrong beneficiaries have been fully recovered and duly credited to the Government Account of the Rural Development Department through banking channels.”

3. In view of such specific stand taken in the supplementary counter affidavit, nothing survives to be adjudicated in this Public Interest Litigation.

4. Accordingly, the Letters Patent Appeal is disposed



of.

5. Interlocutory application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(Sangam Kumar Sahoo, CJ)

(Harish Kumar, J)

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