

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.7048 of 2025

Punam Devi @ Poonam Kumari Wife of Rajesh Kumar Choudhary, Resident of Village and P.O. - Madarna, P.S.- Vaishali, District- Vaishali.

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Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary Welfare Department, Govt. of Bihar.
2. The Collector and District Magistrate, Vaishali at Hajipur.
3. The Deputy Development Commissioner, Vaishali at Hajipur.
4. The Block Development Officer, Vaishali at Hajipur, District - Vaishali.
5. The District Welfare Officer, District Vaishali at Hajipur,
6. Block Welfare Officer, Gram Panchayat - Madarna, District- Vaishali.
7. Poonam Kumari, Wife of Raju Ram (by caste Chamar) resident of village- Bishunpur Paltu, P.S. - Vaishali and District - Vaishali. resident of village and Gram Panchayat - Salempur, P.O. - Nandlalpur, P.S. - Lalganj, Block- Vaishali, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.
8. Parmeshwar Ram, Son of Musahar Ram, House No. 71, resident of village and Gram Panchayat - Salempur, P.O. - Nandlalpur, P.S. - Lalganj, Block- Vaishali, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.
9. Raj Kumari Devi, Wife of Bangali Ram, House No. 71, resident of village and Gram Panchayat - Salempur, P.O. - Nandlalpur, P.S. - Lalganj, Block- Vaishali, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.
10. Sanjay Kumar, Son of - Bangali Ram, House No. 71, resident of village and Gram Panchayat - Salempur, P.O. - Nandlalpur, P.S. - Lalganj, Block- Vaishali, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.
11. Man Jhariya Devi, Wife of - Parmeshwar Ram, House No. 71, resident of village and Gram Panchayat - Salempur, P.O. - Nandlalpur, P.S. - Lalganj, Block- Vaishali, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.
12. Anant Ram, Son of - Parmeshwar Ram, House No. 71, resident of village and Gram Panchayat - Salempur, P.O. - Nandlalpur, P.S. - Lalganj, Block- Vaishali, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.
13. Sarswati Devi, Wife of Anant Ram, House No. 71, resident of village and Gram Panchayat - Salempur, P.O. - Nandlalpur, P.S. - Lalganj, Block- Vaishali, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.
14. Vicky Kumar, Son of - Bangali Ram, House No. 71, resident of village and Gram Panchayat - Salempur, P.O. - Nandlalpur, P.S. - Lalganj, Block- Vaishali, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.
15. Rajesh Ram, Son of- Bangali Ram, House No. 72, resident of village and Gram Panchayat - Salempur, P.O. - Nandlalpur, P.S. - Lalganj, Block- Vaishali, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.
16. Pappu Kumar, Son of - Bangali Ram, House No. 72, resident of village and Gram Panchayat - Salempur, P.O. - Nandlalpur, P.S. - Lalganj, Block- Vaishali, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.

... .. Respondent/s



Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Mukul Sinha, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Vipin Kumar Singh, AC to SC 22
For the BMVM	:	Mr. Ranjeet Kumar Pandey, Advocate
For the Resp. No. 7	;	Mr. Ram Shankar Prasad, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DR. ANSHUMAN
ORAL ORDER

2 16-03-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned counsel for the State, learned counsel for the Bihar Mahadalit Vikas Mission (who was present in Court at the time of hearing) and learned counsel for respondent No. 7.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the order dated 08.04.2023, passed by the Collector, Vaishali, in Misc. Case No. 31/2018-19, has been challenged in this writ petition. Counsel further submits that the matter relates to Vikash Mitra. It is submitted that this is the second round of litigation, as the petitioner had earlier approached this Hon'ble Court in CWJC No. 8557 of 2016, in which, vide order dated 15.03.2016, the matter was remanded to the Collector and District Magistrate, Vaishali, at Hajipur, with a direction that if the issue was still alive, the petitioner's claim should be decided in accordance with law. Counsel further submits that the petitioner thereafter filed a representation before the Collector and District Magistrate, Vaishali, at Hajipur, who, by order dated 08.04.2023, rejected the petitioner's claim. The said order



of the Collector has been challenged in the present writ petition.

3. Learned counsel for the State raised a preliminary objection and submits that the matter relates to the appointment of Vikash Mitra. It is further submitted that in matters concerning the appointment of Vikash Mitra, the appropriate authority is the Bihar Mahadalit Vikas Mission, and the petitioner has not made the Mission a party for reasons best known to her. Counsel further submits that the said order passed by the District Magistrate is appealable before the Bihar Mahadalit Vikas Mission at the State level.

4. In view of the above, the present writ petition stands disposed of, granting liberty to the petitioner to challenge the said order dated 08.04.2023, passed by the Collector, Vaishali, in Misc. Case No. 31/2018-19 before the Bihar Mahadalit Vikas Mission within 30 days from today.

(Dr. Anshuman, J.)

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