IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Miscellaneous Jurisdiction Case No.2669 of 2025
In
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.23756 of 2019

CNR No. BRHC010793432025

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Meena Devi Wife of Late Ramji Prasad, retired teacher, resident of Village Chak Husain, PO and PS Khusrupur, District Patna.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Bihar, Patna, namely Mr. D. S. Sidharth.
2. The Director, Primary Education, Bihar, Patna. Mr. Binod Kumar Singh.
3. The District Education Officer, Patna. Mr. Madhusudan Paswan.
4. The Assistant General Manager, State Bank of India, in the Office of Centralised Pension Processing Centre, Administrative Office Building, 4th Floor, J.C. Road, Patna. Mr. Mahesh Goyal.
5. The Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Khusrupur, Patna. Mr. Vivekanand Kumar.
6. The Accountant General, Bihar, Veerchand Patel Path, Patna, Mr. Dr. Sandip Roy.

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mrs. Pravina Kumari, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Kumar Samarjeeet Singh, Advocate
For the AG Bihar : Mr. Dr. Anand Kumar, Advocate
: Mrs. Vijeta Kumari, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY

ORAL ORDER

3 27-10-2026 Heard Mrs. Pravina Kumari, learned counsel for the petitioner and the State.

2. The present application has been preferred:

"for initiation of contempt proceeding against the contemnors/opposite parties for their willful disobedience of the order dated 20.12.2022

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passed in CWJC No. 23756 of 2019."

3. Though the Bank is unrepresented, the showcase is on record and paragraph no.9 read as under:

9. That brief fact of the case is as follows:

A. The original pensioner (late Ramjee Prasad) was sanctioned pension by the authority under the **Triple Benefit Scheme (TBS)** with PPO No. 15155/TBS, at the rate of **Rs. 160/- per month w.e.f. 01.10.1991.**

B. Under the TBS, the benefits admissible are **Provident Fund, Life Insurance and Pension** only. There is **no provision for family pension**. The same stand was also taken by the Accountant General, Bihar, in the earlier round of litigation, as reflected in instant order of the writ court.

C. Though the pension was fixed at Rs. 160/- per month without entitlement to revision, **inadvertently excess pension was paid** by the Bank to the original pensioner from April 2012 to July 2019.

D. Upon routine inspection, the Bank came to know that excess payment of **Rs. 8,79,402/-** had been made. Accordingly, a recovery letter dated. **26.08.2019** was issued to the original pensioner which was quashed by Hon'ble court.

E. Importantly, **no recovery was ever effected**. The

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said recovery letter itself was rendered inoperative in view of the order dated 20.12.2022.

F. From August 2019 onwards, the Bank corrected the pension as per PPO and credited the amount admissible to the pensioner regularly till February 2021, though the pensioner had expired on 26.12.2020 but information about death has been communicated later on to the Bank.

4. This court is of the opinion that no recovery has been made and the pension amount has also been paid till the death of her husband. In that background, the present contempt petition stands disposed of.

5. This court has taken note of the submission put forward by learned counsel for the petitioner, Meena Devi, that she is now bereft of any money and situation is that she has to beg for food. This court is of the opinion that the Block Development Officer,Khusrupur, Patna is duty bound to look into the matter and ensure that if the lady shows her inclination, she be attached with the local **JEEViKA** group, the officers shall also ensure that she gets opportunity in the said group and any document needed for that purpose be made available to her.

6. List this case on 25.11.2026 under the heading for ‘To Be Mentioned’ when the learned State counsel shall be

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submitting a report on behalf of the Block Development Officer, Khusrupur, Patna, on the step(s) he/she has taken with regard to the attachment of the petitioner with the **JEEViKA** group.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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