IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.16081 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011003502026

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Urmila Devi, wife of Late Shatrughan Singh, resident of village and P.O. Pokhraira, P.S.- Samastipur Muffasil, District - Samastipur.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Secretary, Minor Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Engineer-in-Chief-cum- Additional Secretary-cum-Special Secretary, Minor Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Patna
4. The Chief Engineer, Minor Water Resources Department, Muzaffarpur
5. The Superintending Engineer, Minor Water Resources Department, Minor Irrigation Circle, Darbhanga.
6. The Executive Engineer, Minor Water Resources Department, Minor Irrigation Division, Samastipur.

... ... Respondent/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Suraj Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Alok Kumar Alok, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Raghwendra Pratap Singh, GP- 22
Mr. Narendra Kumar Singh, AC to GP- 22

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR
ORAL JUDGMENT
Date : 29-10-2026

Heard Mr. Suraj Kumar, learned Advocate for the petitioner and Mr. Raghvendra Pratap Singh, learned Advocate for the State.

2. The widow of an erstwhile employee has approached this Court seeking a direction upon the respondent authorities to revise the salary of her deceased husband with effect from 01.01.2016 in view of the 7th Pay Commission and accordingly revise her family pension with effect from the date

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of death of her husband i.e. 11.10.2017, in view of the Finance Department Resolution No. 3590/F dated 24.05.2017.

3. Learned Advocate for the petitioner, adverting to the facts, has submitted that admittedly the husband of the petitioner was appointed as a Tube-well Mate in the year 1996 on compassionate ground in the pay scale of Rs. 775 – 1025/-. After serving 21 years, the husband of the petitioner died in harness on 10.10.2017. Subsequent thereto, the petitioner has approached this Court in C.W.J.C. No. 6683 of 2021 for extending the benefit of ACP/MACP. In pursuant to the direction of this Court, the petitioner's husband has been extended the benefit of ACP/MACP. However, it is stated that respondent no. 6 extended the benefit of 1st ACP with effect from 10.06.2008 in the pay scale of Rs. 5200–20200/- (grade pay Rs.1,900/-) and the basic salary of the erstwhile employee was fixed at Rs.11220/- on 01.07.2016. Referring thereto, it is submitted that respondent no. 6 did not revise the salary of the husband of the petitioner pursuant to the 7th Pay revision.

4. Learned advocate for the State, at this juncture, prays for a short adjournment to seek instructions and apprise this Court with regard to the present factual position.

5. Considering the limited grievance of the

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petitioner, as also the fact that the petitioner is a widow and has been compelled to approach this Court, this Court directs the respondent no. 6 to consider the claim of the petitioner for revision of pay/pension in view of Finance Department Resolution No. 3590/F dated 24.05.2017 and pass an appropriate order in accordance with law, preferably within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order.

6. Suffice it to observe that the period must also be utilized to extend all the consequential benefits, if there is no other administrative or legal impediment otherwise.

7. The writ petition stands disposed of.

(Harish Kumar, J)

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