IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (S) No. 7122 of 2026

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1. Ajoy Kumar Mandal, aged about 48 years, S/o-Narayan Chandra Mandal, R/o village Damuria, P.O.- Monihari, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

2. Parimol Ghosh, aged about 48 years, S/o-Bhudhar Ghosh, R/o village- Indukhuri, P.O.- Nala, P.S.-Sitamuri, District- Jamtara.

3. Gridhari Thakur, aged about 40 years, S / O - Jiban Thakur, R/o village Afjalpur, P.O. & P.S.- Afjalpur (nala), District- Jamtara.

4. Nilkantha Soner, aged about 45 years, S /O - Santi Sonar, R/o village- Lachmanpur, P.O.- Afzalpur, P.S.- Afzalpur, District- Jamtara

5. Jaydev Mandal, aged about 43 years, S /O - Paresh Nath Mandal, R/o village- Sarbedia, P.O.- Kalipahari, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara

6. Bishwajit Mal, aged about 40 years, S /O - Binanda Mal, R/o village- Jambedia, P.O.- Saraskunda, P.S.-Nala, District- Jamtara.

7. Sudhir Soren, aged about 51 years, S/o- Rupu Soren, R/o village- Pathapur, P.O.- Nala, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara

8. Mangal Murmu, aged about 54 years, S /O - Hapna Murmu, R/o village- Kali Pather, P.O.- Nala, P.S.-Nala, District- Jamtara

9. Amiya Kumar Bhui, aged about 34 years, S/o-Purna Chandra Bhui, R/o village Kistopur, P.O.- Kistopur, P.S. Nala, District- Jamtara

10. Sachinandan Paul, aged about 49 years, S/o-Patatitpawan, R/o village- Jambadya, P.O.- Nala, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara

11. Kartik Ray, aged about 49 years, S / O - Nimay Chandra Ray, R/o village- Amaljuri, P.O.- Sitamuri, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara

12. Tapas Rana, aged about 42 years, S /O - Madhav Chandra Rana, R /o village Godapiyal, P.O. & P.S.-Nala, District- Jamtara

13. Ajit Modi Kora, aged about 49 years, S /O - Jharilal Modi Kora, R/o village- Kenduatand, P.O. & P.S.-Nala, District- Jamtara.

14. Bipul Mondal, aged about 35 years, S/o Kush Chandra Mondal, R/o village- Kapas Dangal, P.O.-Sareshkunda, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

15. Paritosh Rana, aged about 49 years, S/o- Madhab Chandra Rana, R/o village- Godapiyal, P.O.- Debjore, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

16. Sadhucharan Maji, aged about 52 years, S/o Ananda Maji, R/o village- Nischanta Pur, P.O.- Sitamuri, P.S.- Bindapathar, District- Jamtara.

17. Swapan Kumar Mondal, aged about 51 years, S/o Haripada Mondal, R/o village- Mohanpur, P.O. & P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

18. Parbati Marandi, aged about 48 years, W/o Ranjit Hembrom, R/o village Pituwasol, P.O.- Sagjuria, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

19. Yamini Ghosh, aged about 54 years, S/o manik Ghosh, R/o village- Debal Kunda, P.O.- Sagjuria, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

20. Chandan Dey, aged about 42 years, S/o Supal Chandra Dey, R/o village Karrabad, P.O.- Afzalpur, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

21. Dibakar Ghosh, aged about 34 years, S/o Sharat Chandra Ghosh, R/o village Bararampur. P.O.-Kistopur, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

22. Dipak Ruidas, aged about 37 years, S/o Shibu Ruidas, R/o village Palasthali, P.O.- Kalipahari, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

23. Ganesh Garain, aged about 46 years, S/o Kalipada Garain, R/o village- Bahadurdih, P.O.- Nala, P.S.-Nala, District- Jamtara.

24. Vais Marandi, aged about 47 years, S/o Barku Marandi, R/o village- Baghtana, P.O. & P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

25. Manoj Maji, aged about 45 years, S/o Bijay Maji, R/o village- kalipathar, P.O.- Monihari, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

26. Bimal Maji @ Bimal Kumar Maji, aged about 44 years, S/o haradhan Maji, R/o village- Madhuban, P.O.- Kuldangal, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

27. Sekh Ajijul, aged about 45 years, S/o Sekh sarzul Gram, R/o village Ghoramaara, P.O. & P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

28. Pradip Kumar Paul, aged about 45 years, S/o Abhimunnya Paul, R/o village- RadhaBallabhpur, P.O. & P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

29. Krishna Mondal, aged about 37 years, S/o sunil Mondal, R/o village Narithol, P.O.- kistopur, P.S.-Nala, District- Jamtara.

30. Pawan Kumar Murmu, aged about 37 years, S/o Sahebdhan Murmu, R/o village- Khuriam, P.O.-Nagari, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

31. Ujjwal Kanti Ghosh, aged about 54 years, S/o Narayan Chandra Ghosh, R/o village- Bagejuri, P.O.-Kistopur, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

32. Sujit Kumar Bauri, aged about 40 years, S/o Swapan Bauri, R/o village- Kasta, P.O.- Kalipahari, P.S.-Nala, District- Jamtara.

33. Bidhan Marandi, aged about 34 years, S/o ruplal Marandi, R/o village Kistopur, P.O. & P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

34. Sanjay Tudu, aged about 36 years, S/o Balak Tudu, R/o village Asanjuri, P.O.- Debjore, P.S. Nala, District- Jamtara.

35. Balram Mondal, aged about 22 years S/o Gangadhar Mondal, R/o village- Mathuradih, P.O.-Debjore, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

36. Shib Shankar Singh, aged about 54 years, S/o Harinath Singh, R/o village- Adharasalia, P.O.-Kistopur, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

37. Purna Chandra Mandal, aged about 35 years, S/o Balai Mandal, R/o village Nala, P.O. & P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

38. Ranjit Kumar Maji, aged about 39 years, S/o Vidyasagar Maji, R/o village- Dumuria, P.O.-Sitamuri, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

39. Paritosh Ghosh, aged about 51 years, S/o Dharni Dhar Ghosh, R/o village Pakuria, P.O. bara Gholjor. P.S. Nala, District- Jamtara.

40. Jaga Bandhu Das, aged about 49 years, S/o Santi Pada Das, R/o village kebaljuria, P.O.- Debjore, P.S.- Nala, District Jamtara.

41. Rajeev Mandal, aged about 41 years, S/o Subodh Mandal, R/o village Panjunia, P.O. Baragholjore, P.S. Nala, District-Jamtara.

42. Dhirendra Nath Mandal, aged about 46 years, S/o Sadhu Charan Mandal, R/o village Niljuria, P.O.-Bara Gholjore, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

43. Jagnath Gorain, aged about 33 years, S/o Amin Gorain, R/o village- Badalpur, P.O. Monihary, P.S.-Nala, District- Jamtara.

44. Bidhan Roy, aged about 38 years, S/o Jagdish Roy, R/o village Baraghariya, P.O. Sitamuri, P.S.-Bindapathar, District- Jamtara.

45. Atanu Kumar Maji, aged about 35 years, S/o Kanik Maji. R/o village Parihapur, P.O.- Kalipahari, P.S.-Nala, District- Jamtara

46 Arabinda Ghosh, aged about 44 years, S/o Nimai Chandra Ghosh, R/o village Bahadurdihi, P.O.-Afzalpur, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

47. Alim Ali, aged about 47 years, S/o Najrul Islam, R/o village Bamundiha, P.O. Tesjuria, P.S. Nala, District-Jamtara

48. Nadianand Ghosh, aged about 38 years, S/o Ajit Kumar Ghosh, R/o village Dalabor, P.O.- Nala, P.S.-Nala, District- Jamtara.

49. Paban Chandra Paul, aged about 48 years, S/o Adhir Paul, R/o village Bhero, P.O. Kuldangal, P.S.- Nala, District- Jamtara.

50. Brij Kishor Mandal, aged about 54 years, S/o Haradhan Mandal, R/o village Jambad, P.O.- T.K. Gram, P.S.- Fatehpur, District- Jamtara.

.....**Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand through the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Animal Husband and Co-operatives, Government of Jharkhand, having its office at Nepal House, P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi.

2. The Director, Agriculture, Government of Jharkhand, having its office at Nepal House, P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District - Ranchi.

3. Agricultural Technology Management Agency, P.O.- Ranchi P.S. & District – Ranchi.

4. Managing Committee, Agricultural Technology Management Agency, having its office at Ranchi, P.O. & P.S. – Ranchi District – Ranchi.

5. Union of India through the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, having its office at New Delhi, P.O. & P.S. New Delhi, District - New Delhi. .....**Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Harsh Vardhan, Advocate
For the Respondent(s) : Mr. Manish Mishra, GP-V

02/Dated:-15.09.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The instant writ application has been preferred by the petitioners praying therein for the following reliefs:

> *"(i) For issuance of an appropriate writ(s)/orders(s)/ directions (s) particularly a writ in the nature of mandamus commanding upon the respondents to pay the petitioners basic minimum basic wage in terms of the Minimum Wages Act as well as and/or in terms of Code of Rules, 2019.*
> *(ii) For issuance of a further appropriate writ(s0/order(s)/directions(s) particularly a writ in the nature of mandamus commanding upon the respondents to pay the petitioner the remuneration/salary/basic wage at par with employees posted on the post of Assistant Technological Manager ('ATM' in short) since the petitioners even on the post of Krishak Mitra are discharging the functions of Assistant Technological Manager and therefore, the pay parity may be maintained."*

3. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the instant application may be disposed of by giving liberty to the petitioners to file a fresh representation before the respondent No. 01.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents fairly submits that since no counter affidavit has been filed; as such the petitioner may be directed to approach the concerned respondent by filing a fresh representation, who shall look into the matter so that the grievance of the petitioner can be redressed.

5. Having regard to the aforesaid, without going into merits of the case the instant application stands disposed by giving liberty to the petitioner to file a fresh representation along with all relevant documents as early as possible before the respondent No. 01. The moment respondent No. 01 will receive the joint representation, he shall verify the records of the case with the help of his subordinates and take a decision in the matter by passing a reasoned and specific orders within a period of 12 weeks from the date of the receipt of copy of this order. It goes without saying that if the case of any/respective petitioners is found to be genuine, necessary consequential order be also issued within a further period of four weeks.

6. Pending I.A., if any, also stands closed.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

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