IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P.(S). No. 7220 of 2026

Akhtari Khatoon, aged about 69 years, w/o. late Ainul Haque, resident of Panjabi Gali, Islampur Chowk, under P.O. and P.S. Gumla, Dist. Gumla. ……. **Petitioner**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand through the Chief Secretary having its office at Project Building, under P.O. and P.S. Jagannathpur, Dist. Ranchi.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Gumla having its office under P.O. and P.S. Gumla, Dist. Gumla.
3. The Regional General Manager, National Insurance Company Limited, having its office under Zila Parishand Marketing Complex, Near Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Kachhery Road, P.O. G.P.O., P.S. Kotwali, Dist. Ranchi.
4. The Branch Manager, National Insurance Company Limited, Gumla, having its office under Vinayaka Complex, Main Road, Azad Nagar, under P.O. G.P.O., P.S. Gumla, Dist. Gumla.

……. **Respondents**.

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN**

For the Petitioner : Mr. Ashok Kr. Pandey, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Ratnesh Kumar, SC(L&C)-I
Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Vishwajeet Chaturvedi, Advocate

02/ 15.09.2026 By way of present writ application, the petitioner prays for a direction upon the respondents to pay the legally admissible dues of insured amount which is payable to the petitioner's husband, who died during the course of election duty.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that suffice it would be if this writ petition is treated as representation of the petitioner and a direction be given to the respondents to pass a reasoned order within a stipulated period.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that since no counter-affidavit has been filed on behalf of respondents; as such, the petitioner may be directed to file fresh representation before the concerned respondents so that her grievance can be redressed.

4. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances and limited submissions of the learned counsel for the parties, the instant writ application is hereby disposed of by directing the Respondent No. 4 to treat this writ application as representation and take a decision with regard to the claim made by the petitioner in accordance with law and applicable rules and regulations, by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It goes without saying that if the decision is taken in favour of the petitioner, necessary consequential order be passed within a period of 2 weeks thereafter.

5. Petitioner is directed to serve a copy of this writ application to the concerned respondent so that her grievance can be redressed at the earliest.

6. With the aforesaid observations and directions, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

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