IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P(S). No. 7391 of 2026

Uma Shankar Prasad, aged about 60 years, S/o Arjun Prasad, R/o Vill + P.O & P.S. Ichak, Dist Hazaribagh, Jharkhand-825402 **…..Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand

2. The Principal Secretary, Finance, Govt. of Jharkhand, office at Project Bhawan, P.O.-Dhurwa, P.S. Jagarnathpur, Dist.- Ranchi, Jharkhand.

3. The Secretary, Agriculture Animal Husbandry and Co-operative Department, Govt. Jharkhand, office at Nepal House, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, Dist. Ranchi, Jharkhand.

4. The Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Jharkhand, Office at Krishi Bhavan, Kanke Road, P.O. & P.S.-Kanke, Dist.-Ranchi, Jharkhand.

5. The Joint Director Plant Protection Govt. of Jharkhand, Office at Krishi Bhavan, Kanke Road, P.O. & P.S.-Kanke, Dist.-Ranchi, Jharkhand.

…Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioners : Mr. Subhneet Jha, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Ashutosh Anand, AAG-III

02/ Dated: 17.09.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

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

> *"i. Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or Direction directing the Respondents to consider the case of the Petitioner for promotion to the post of Block Agriculture Officer with retrospective effect from the date he was first entrusted with the charge of the said post, i.e., 11.11.2006, vide Office Letter No. 3164 dated 11.11.2006 or alternatively promote petitioner to the post of Plant Protection Inspector in accordance with the applicable Rules, the released Vacancy Notification and the Seniority List dated 10.12.2015, within a time-bound period as fixed by this Hon'ble Court;*
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> *ii) Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ/order/direction, commanding the Respondents to compute and pay to*

the Petitioner the arrears of salary, being the difference between the full pay scale of Block Agriculture Officer and the 20% additional allowance actually paid to him, for the entire period from 11.11.2006 till the date of actual promotion and payment, together with interest thereon at such rate as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper.

iii) Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or Direction directing the Respondents to decide and dispose of the pending representations of the Petitioner within a fixed time period."

3. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the petitioner is fully entitled for promotion in view of Annexure-4, but he has not been granted the same. Accordingly, he may be permitted to approach the concerned respondent for redressal of his grievance made in this writ application.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents fairly submits that since no counter affidavit has been filed; as such the petitioners 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 petitioners can be redressed.

5. Having regard to the aforesaid submissions and without going into the merits of the case, the instant writ application is hereby disposed of by directing the respondent No. 4 to look into the grievance of the petitioner by treating this writ application as representation and take a decision in the matter in accordance with law and applicable rules and regulations and also in light of Annexure-4 which is appended in this writ application, by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order and communicate the same to the petitioner and if the order is passed in favour of the petitioners consequential benefits be granted within a further period of 4 weeks. The petitioner may serve a copy of this writ application along with the relevant documents to the concerned respondent for convenience.

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

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

17.09.2026

Abha/-