IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

**W.P.(S) No. 7049 of 2026**

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Sitaram Sharma, aged about 74 years, S/o late Bechu Sharma, R/o 79, Gandhi Nagar, Matwari Maidan, P.O. Hazaribagh, P.S. Sadar, District Hazaribagh, Jharkhand **...Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. The State of Jharkhand, through the Principal Secretary, Department of Higher, Technical Education & Skill Development, Government of Jharkhand, 3rd Floor, Yojana Bhawan, Nepal House, P.O and P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi, Jharkhand, 834002.
2. The Director, Higher Education, Department of Higher, Technical Education & Skill Development, Government of Jharkhand, 3rd Floor, Yojana Bhawan, Nepal House, P.O and P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi, Jharkhand, 834002.
3. Vinoba Bhave University through the Registrar, Vinoba Bhave University Road, Sindoor, P.O. and P.S. Hazaribagh, District Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, 825301
4. The Vice Chancellor, Vinoba Bhave University, Vinoba Bhave University Road, Sindoor, P.O. and P.S. Hazaribagh, District Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, 825301
5. The Registrar, Vinoba Bhave University, Vinoba Bhave University Road, Sindoor, P.O. and P.S. Hazaribagh, District Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, 825301 ...Respondents.

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

For the Petitioner(s) : M/s. Subhneet Jha, Rajiv Ranjan, Baibhaw Gahlaut, Advocates
For the Resp.-State : A.C to S.C(L&C)-I
For the Resp.-V.B.U : M/s. Amaresh Kumar, Riya Raj, Advs.

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**02/15.09.2026** The instant writ application has been preferred by the petitioner for the relief:

> *For the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order, direction upon the Respondents to fix the pay of the Petitioner in the scale of Rs. 12000-420-18300 in place of Rs. 10000-15200 with effect from 01.04.1996 in light of the order dated 20.06.2017 passed by the Hon'ble Jharkhand High Court in W.P.(S) No. 4162 of 2013, titled "Prashant Kumar Mishra & Ors. Vs. The State of Jharkhand & Ors.", and consequently, pay arrears of salary under the 5th, 6th and & 7th pay revision, along with interests @ 8% and other consequential benefits accruing thereof.*

**2.** At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the instant writ application may be disposed of

by directing the respondent-University to take a decision in the matter and recommend the same to the respondent no. 2.

**3.** Learned counsel for the respective respondents fairly submits that since no counter affidavit has been filed by either of the respondents; as such, the petitioner, if so chooses, may file a fresh representation before the respondent no. 5.

**4.** Having regard to the aforesaid submissions, the instant writ application is hereby disposed of by directing the petitioner to file a fresh representation before the respondent no. 5.

The moment the respondent no. 5 will receive the fresh representation, he shall verify the records of the case and forward the same to the respondent no. 2 within a period of 8 weeks. Thereafter, the respondent no. 2 shall issue necessary order in the light of order dated 20.06.2017 passed in W.P(S) No. 4162 of 2013 [ *Prashant Kumar Mishra & Ors.Vs. The State of Jharkhand & Ors.*] within a further period of 4 weeks. If the case of the petitioner is found favorable; then, proper order shall be issued within a further period of 3 weeks and thereafter, the petitioner be paid all consequential benefits.

**5.** Pending I.A., if any, also stands closed.

**(Deepak Roshan, J.)**

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