IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P(S). No. 8521 of 2026

Akhilesh Kumar Jha, S/o Harivansh Jha, aged about 56 years, R/o Tapej Krishi Farm (P.P.I), D.A.O Office, P.O& P.S-Chatra, Jharkhand-825401

…..Petitioner

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.
6. The Deputy Director Plant Protection Govt. of Jharkhand, Office at Krishi Bhawan Kanke Road, P.O. & P.S.-Kanke, Dist.- Ranchi, Jharkhand.

…Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioners : Mr. Suman Roy, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Saurav Mahto, AC to GP-I

04/ Dated: 02.11.2026

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 Junior Plant " Protection Officer with retrospective effect in accordance with the applicable Rules, the released Vacancy Notification and the Seniority List dated 27.03.2012, within a time-bound period as fixed by this Hon'ble Court;*

> *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, for the entire period from the date of the actual promotion petitioner till the date petitioner is promoted and payment, together with interest thereon at such rate as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper..”*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the petitioner is fully entitled for the prayer made in the instant writ application; however, the grievance of the petitioner has not been redressed.

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 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, 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. The petitioner may serve a copy of this writ application along with the relevant documents to the concerned respondent for convenience.

6. It goes without saying that if the decision is taken in favour of the petitioner, necessary consequential order be passed within a further period of 2 weeks.

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

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

02.11.2026

Abha/-