IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P(S). No. 4721 of 2026

Smt. Ratna Sharma aged about 65 years, Wife of Late Viveka Nand Sharma, P.S Doranda, resident of Kilbarn Colony, P.O.- Hinoo, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand **.....Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. The Secretary Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of Jharkhand Ranchi At- Project Bhawan,-Dhurwa, P.O. and P.S.- Dhurwa, Dist.- Ranchi, Jharkhand.
3. The Director-Primary Education, Bihar, New Secretariat-Patna, P.O., P.S. & District-Patna, Bihar.
4. The District Superintendent of Education- Ranchi, P.O., P.S. & District-Ranchi, Jharkhand **.....Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioners : Ms. Rashmi Lal, Advocate

For the Respondents : Mr. Ranjan Kumar, AC to Sr. SC-I

06/ Dated: 23.09.2026

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

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

> *"i. For issuance of appropriate writ(s)/order(s) for direction upon the respondents to grant benefits in terms of order dated 28th July, 1998 passed by the then Patna High Court, Ranchi Bench, in C.W.J.C. No.- 3495 of 1997(R) by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Chaube and further order dated 16.02.2012 passed in M.J.C. No. 102 of 1990(R) Smt. Ratna Smarma Vs. Sri M.P. Mishra & Anr. by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Narendra Nath Tiwari, (M.J.C. No. 102 of 1990(R)-has been dropped) directed to the Opposite Party Nos. 1 and 2 (Respondent Nos. 3 and 4) in the present writ petition to make payment to the petitioner, the entire dues on account of salary and other allowance/arrear*

admissible with effect from 14.08.1986 till the date of death of the petitioner's husband i.e. 12.06.1998 within a period of three months from the date of receipt/ production a copy of this order". There is no documentary evidence on record that order dated 28th July, 1998 passed by the then Patna High Court, Ranchi Bench, in C.W.J.C. No.- 3495 of 1997(R) has been complied and entire dues has been paid to the petitioner or her husband by the opposite parties but sketchy reply was filed by the opposite party no.2. The Court was not satisfied with the said reply and both the opposite parties were directed to appear in person in Court and to file show cause reply. In the said reply it was alleged, inter alia, that the payments were received by the petitioner's husband (Original Petitioner), including the amount of arrears of salary, G.P.F, Group insurance. In view of the said statement, the Hon'ble Court dropped the contempt proceeding with liberty for legal remedy to the petitioner. Neither petitioner nor husband of the petitioner received entire dues on account of salary and other allowance admissible with effect from 14.08.1986 till the date of death of the petitioner's husband i.e. 12.06.1998. Hence this writ petition again.

ii. Further issuance of writ(s)/order(s) for directing the respondents to produce the documentary evidence of payment to the petitioner if any, the entire dues on account of salary and other allowance admissible with effect from 14.08.1986 till the date of death of the petitioner's husband i.e. 12.06.1998 also provide mode of payment, date of transaction etc before this Hon'ble Court.."

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is fully entitled for the prayer made in the instant writ application, as such, she submits that this case may be disposed of by giving liberty to the petitioner to approach the concerned respondent for redressal of her grievance.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents fairly submits that though counter-affidavit has been filed, however, if the petitioner so chooses, 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, and if the order is passed in favour of the petitioner, the consequential benefits be granted within a further period of 2 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.)

23.09.2026

Abha/-