

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(S) No. 2158 of 2026

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Rajendra Nath Jha, aged about 68 years, s/o Late Satchidanand Jha, Resident of A3, Block-1, Annapurna Heights, Shital Mallick Road, Opp. A Style Boutique, Bilasi Town, Deoghar, P.O., P.S & District- Deoghar, Jharkhand.

.....Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, officiated at Nepal House, Doranda, P.O. & P.S.- Doranda, District-Ranchi.
3. The Deputy Secretary, Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, officiated at Nepal House, Doranda, P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District-Ranchi.
4. The Under Secretary, Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, officiated at Nepal House, Doranda, P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District-Ranchi.
5. Civil Surgeon cum Chief Medical Officer, East Singhbhum, P.O.& P.S-Jamshedpur, Dist.-Jamshedpur.

.....Respondents.

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioner(s) : M/s. Bhawesh Kumar, Ravi Kumar,
Anshuman Mishra, Advocates
For the Respondents : M/s Shray Mishra, Shreyashi Shekhar,
A.C to A.G

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02/23.04.2026 Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The instant writ application has been preferred by the petitioner praying for a direction upon the respondent authorities to conclude the departmental proceedings initiated against the petitioner, wherein the conducting cum departmental enquiry officer has submitted his enquiry report on 26.11.2024 and found that all the allegations levelled against the petitioner is not true

and in spite of that the respondents are sitting tight over the matter.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was appointed on 15.03.1988 as Medical Officer, PHC, Teljhari, Sahebganj and he retired on 30.11.2024. During his service period he has been charged with pecuniary loss to the department for engaging 183 more human force, than the sanctioned human force by the department and department proceeding was initiated against the petitioner. The Inquiry Officer submitted his enquiry report on 26.11.2024 and found all the allegations levelled against him as not proved.

Learned counsel further submits that more than a year has been lapsed, but no final decision has been taken as yet; hence, the concerned respondent may be directed to pass final order in this regard.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that no counter affidavit has been filed in this case and sometime may be granted to file the same.

5. This Court is of the view that there is no need for adjourning the case for filing counter affidavit because the prayer is very fair and clear that the departmental proceeding is in progress and the Inquiry Officer has already exonerated the petitioner, but for the reasons best known to the concerned respondent; he is sitting tight over the matter; therefore the instant writ application stands

disposed of by directing the Disciplinary Authority to pass final order in accordance with law within a period of 6 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

23rd April, 2026
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