

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**W.P. (S) No. 2113 of 2026**

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1. Maldeo Das, son of Late Shiv Das, aged about 67, resident of village Saradu, PO+PS- Tandwa, Dist-Chatra
 2. Shatrudhan Mahtha, son of Late Karu Mahto, aged about 68 years, resident of vill- Cheri, PO- Amjhar, PS- Itkhori, Dist-Hazaribagh.
 3. Ram Chandra Singh, son of Late Kedar Singh, aged about 69 years, resident of village- Pakaria, Post-Loram, PS- Itkhori, Dist-Hazaribagh.
 4. Shambhu Dangi, son of Late Tilak Mahto, aged about 63 years, resident of village Geruwa, PO-Aurugeruwa, PS- Hunterganj, Dist-Chatra.
- Petitioner(s)**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand, through its Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand, Project Bhawan, P.O. & P.S.-Dhurwa, District-Ranchi;
 2. Director, Panchayatiraj Directorate, Government of Jharkhand, Nepal House, P.O. & P.S.-Doranda, District-Ranchi;
 3. Deputy Commissioner, Chatra, P.O. & P.S.-Chatra, District-Chatra;
 4. District Panchayatiraj Officer, Chatra, P.O. & P.S.-Chatra, District- Chatra;
- Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Vikesh Kumar, Advocate

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. Priyadarshi, G.P.-VI

03/Dated:-23.04.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The instant writ application has been preferred by the petitioners praying therein for a direction upon the respondent authorities to count the service of the petitioners from their initial date of appointment as *Dalpati* till their retirement for the purpose of pensionary benefit and fix the pension accordingly and thereafter pay the arrear of pension thereof.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that similar issue arose before the Coordinate Bench of this Court and has been decided in *W.P.(S) No.517 of 2026* and *W.P. (S) No. 486 of*

2026; accordingly, the respondent No.2 be directed to redress the grievance of the petitioners in the light of the orders passed in the aforesaid cases.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the issue in the orders of the Coordinate Bench was bit different in view of the fact that the case of those petitioners was initially rejected and quashing of those orders were prayed in the relevant writ applications.

5. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, the instant writ application, is hereby, disposed of by directing the petitioners to approach the respondent No.2 along with a detailed representation/s with the orders of the Coordinate Bench of this Court relied upon by them, at the earliest. The moment, the respondent No.2 shall receive the representation, he shall look into the matter and also take into consideration the order passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in *W.P.(S) No.517 of 2026* and *W.P. (S) No. 486 of 2026*, wherein it has been observed that the petitioners have worked with the respondents prior to the appointment also. The respondent No.2 shall pass a reasoned and speaking order after verification of record within a period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of such representation/s and the consequential benefit, if any, shall be paid to the petitioners within a further period of four weeks.

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

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

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