

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**W.P. (S) No. 2011 of 2018**

1. Yamuna Prasad Singh aged about 70 years, son of Late Dukharan Singh, resident of village and P.O. Bansia, P.S. Silli, District Ranchi.
2. Raghunath Mahto aged about 71 years Son of Late Ghasi Ram Mahto, resident of village Konkalamgram, P.O. Tutki Nawadih, P.S. Silli, District Ranchi.
3. Bikram Mahto aged about 72 years, Son of Late Hemant Mahto, resident of Sarmali, P.O. Jamunpiri, P.S. Tamar, District Ramgarh.
4. Lal Singh Mahto aged about 75 years, son of Digambar Mahto, resident of village Dhanemunji, P.O. Bansia, P.S. Silli, District Ranchi.
5. Deodhan Mahto aged about 60 years, son of Late Raja Ram Mahto, resident of village Pachu, P.O. Pogra, P.S. Silli, District Ranchi.

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. Director, School Education and Literacy Department, Government of Jharkhand, Project Building, Dhurwa, P.O. Dhurwa, P.O. Dhurwa, P.S. Jagannathpur, District Ranchi.
3. Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi, P.O., P.S. and District Ranchi.
4. District Superintendent of Education Ranchi, P.O., P.S. and District Ranchi.

....Respondent(s)**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN**

For the Petitioner(s) : M/s. Afaq Ahmed, Altaf Hussain, Advocates

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. Munna Lal Yadav, S.C. (L&C)-III

Mr. Deepak Kumar, A.C. to S.C. (L&C)-III

09/Dated:-16.04.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners.
2. The instant writ application has been preferred by the petitioners praying therein for the following reliefs:

- (A) For direction upon the respondents to grant and make payment of difference of arrears of salary with interest to the petitioners for the following period, as the petitioners are legally entitled as per the law :-
 - (i) From November 1971 to 31.3.1973 in case of petitioner no.1;
 - (ii) From January 1971 to 31.3.1973 in case of petitioner no.2;
 - (iii) From 1.1.1971 to 31.3.1973 in case of petitioner no.3;
 - (iv) From 1.1.1971 to 31.3.1973 in case of petitioner no.4;
 - (v) From 22.10.1971 to 31.3.1973 in case of petitioner No-4;
- (B) For holding and declaring that the action of the respondents not paying difference of arrears salary with interest to the petitioners for the aforesaid period is illegal, arbitrary and against the law.

3. During course of hearing, pursuant to the order of this Court, a supplementary counter affidavit has been filed on 24.09.2025 indicating therein that out of five petitioners, the State has decided to pay three petitioners and accordingly, letter has been issued to the concerned office. It has further been stated that arrears of payment will also be paid to the petitioners in due course. For brevity, paras-8, 9 and 10 are extracted hereinbelow:

- “8. That it is humbly stated and submitted that in view of Annexure-4 series of the writ petition, the District Superintendent of Education, Ranchi vide Letter No. 2801 dated 23.09.2025 duly communicated to the Drawing cum Disbursement Officer, Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya Gram Vikas, Silli regarding the arrear payment of petitioner no.2, Shri Raghunath Mahto, retired teacher, for the period from 01.01.1971 to 31.03.1973 and that the compliance report along with evidence be made available to the office thereof to the office of the answering respondent no. 4.*
- 9. That it is humbly stated and submitted that in view of Annexure-3 and Annexure-4 series of the writ petition, this answering respondent vide letter no. 2800 dated 23.09.2025 directed the Drawing cum Disbursement Officer, Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Rahe, Sonahatu, to immediately process the pending payment of petitioner no.1, Shri Yamuna Prasad Singh and through letter no. 2799 dated 23.09.2025 directed the Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Childag, Angara to immediately process the pending payment of petitioner no. 4, Shri Lal Singh Mahto respectively and inform the office accordingly, failing which the responsibility for non-payment shall rest entirely upon the concerned officer.*
- 10. That it is humbly stated and submitted that as far as the arrears payment is concerned, the same if not paid yet shall be paid to the petitioners in due course of time.”*

4. Having regard to the aforesaid, the instant writ application stands disposed of by directing the respondents to expedite the matter of payment of admitted salary/arrear of salary as per Annexure-B series, as early as possible preferably within a period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

5. So far as the prayer of petitioners for interest of salary is concerned; the petitioners are at liberty to file a joint representation with regard to interest to the concerned respondent and the concerned respondent shall take an informed decision

with regard to payment of interest within the aforesaid stipulated period.

6. Accordingly, the instant writ application stands disposed of. Pending I.A., if any, also stands closed.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

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