

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(S) No.1649 of 2026

Sarulata Devi, wife of Late Mithu Mandal, resident of Village & P.O. Lakhoriya, P.S. Sarwan, District Deoghar, Jharkhand.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand, through Secretary, the Department of Education & Literacy, (School Education & Literacy Department) Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, P.O. & P.S. Dhurwa, District Ranchi-4, Jharkhand.
2. The Director, the Department of Education & Literacy, (School Education & Literacy Department) Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, P.O. & P.S. Dhurwa, District Ranchi-4, Jharkhand.
3. The District Commissioner, Jamtara, P.O. & P.S. Jamtara, Jharkhand
4. The District Education Superintendent, Jamtara, P.O. & P.S. Jamtara, Jharkhand
5. The Block Education Officer, Jamtara, P.O. & P.S. Jamtara, Jharkhand
6. The Accountant General (A & E) A.G. Office Doranda, P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi, Jharkhand.
7. The Provident Fund Officer, Ranchi, A.G. Office Doranda, P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi, Jharkhand.

... .. Respondents

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Shyam Sunder Pd. Kushwaha,
Advocate

For the Respondent(s): Mr. Sunil Kr. Agarwal, Advocate
Mr. Fahad Allam, Advocate

02/ 16.03.2026

By filing this writ petition, the petitioner has prayed for the following reliefs:-

"(I) *To direct the respondents authorities to pay entire retiral dues like gratuity (part payment), Pension (part payment), leave Encashment, arrear, D.A., time bound promotion, group Insurance (part payment).*

AND

(II) *Further be pleased to direct the respondents authorities to full payment of suspension*

period since 15.07.1988 to 01.11.1990 (27 months 16 days).

AND

(III) Further be pleased to direct the respondents authorities to open the petitioner's husband freeze on salary increase/ban on pay rise since 28.08.1988 to 28.02.2004 about 16 years.

AND

(IV) Further be pleased to direct to the respondent authorities different amount under various heads legitimately payable to the petitioner all retirement benefits on the date of his retirement with interest @ 18% per annum from the date of due to till date of its actual payment and within specified period."

2. Heard learned counsel representing the petitioner and learned counsel representing the respondents.

3. It is the grievance of the petitioner that her husband, who was working as "Headmaster" and superannuated on 29.02.2004, from Primary School, Dharampur Circle, Narayanpur, District Jamtara, had not been paid his entire retiral benefits i.e. Gratuity, Pension, Dearness Allowance, Leave Encashment etc., rather the same were paid in part.

3.1. The petitioner also claims that the salary of her husband for the entire suspension period since 15.07.1988 to 01.11.1990, also needs to be paid.

3.2. In para-14 and 15 of this writ petition, the petitioner has delineated the details of retiral benefits and other benefits granted

in favour of her husband and the other dues which her husband is entitled to get. Para-14 and 15 reads as hereunder:-

"14. That it is humbly stated and submitted that after superannuation the petitioner's husband had got Rs.50,000/- (Fifty thousand rupees) as Group Insurance, at Rs.1,00,000/- (One lac rupees) as Gratuity and at present the petitioner has got 14,000/- (fourteen thousand rupees) per month as pension.

15. That it is humbly stated and submitted that the petitioner is entitled to entire retiral dues like gratuity (part payment), Pension (part payment), leave Encashment, arrear, D.A., time bound promotion, group Insurance (part payment), full payment of suspension period since 15.07.1988 to 01.11.1990 (27 months 16 days), freeze on salary increase/ban on pay rise since 28.08.1988 to 28.02.2004 about 16 years and different amount under various heads legitimately payable to the petitioner all retirement benefits on the date of his retirement with interest @ 18% per annum from the date of due to till date of its actual payment."

4. Learned counsel representing the petitioner submits that the petitioner has filed a representation before the Deputy Commissioner, Jamtara, and other officers, but it is her grievance that the representations have not yet been disposed of.

5. Learned counsel representing the respondents submits that the petitioner should approach the District Education Superintendent, Jamtara, by filing a fresh representation, which will be considered by the respondents.

6. Considering the aforesaid submission, the petitioner is directed to file a fresh representation before respondent No.4 – the District Education Superintendent, Jamtara, within three weeks.

6.1. If any such representation is filed, the respondents will consider the claim of the petitioner and decide the same, within four weeks thereafter.

6.2. If it is found that any amount is found due after preparation of a detailed calculation chart showing the amount which, the husband of the petitioner was legally entitled to, the same should be quantified and be disbursed to the petitioner within three weeks thereafter.

6.3. If it is found from the records that the entire benefits have been disbursed, the copy of the records or proof showing such disbursement will be handed over to the petitioner.

7. With the aforesaid direction, this writ petition stands **disposed of.**

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

16th March, 2026
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