

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 4340/2026

Jagrup Singh S/o Indra Singh, Aged About 43 Years, R/o Revat Singh Ki Dhani, Dewaniya, District Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through Its Principal Secretary, Public Health And Engineering Department, Government Secretariat, Jaipur Raj.
2. The Secretary (Admn.), Panchayat Raj And Rural Development, Government Of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Jaipur Raj.
3. Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, District Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
4. District Collector, District Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
5. Superintendent Engineer, Department Of Public Health And Engineering Department (Phed) Jodhpur, District Jodhpur.
6. Executive Engineer, Department Of Public Health And Engineering Department (Phed) Balersar, District Jodhpur.
7. The Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti Chamu, District Jodhpur.
8. The Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayat Dewaniya, Panchayat Samiti Chamu District Jodhpur.
9. The Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Dewaniya, Panchayat Samiti Chamu, District Jodhpur.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Vaibhav Bang.

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE NUPUR BHATI

Order

25/02/2026

By way of present writ petition, the petitioner who was employed as Pump Driver/Operator under Janata Jal Yojana,

promulgated by Government of Rajasthan to provide drinking water to the citizens, is seeking directions to the respondents to make payment of minimum wages as prescribed for skilled workman under the provisions of Minimum Wages Act, 1948 (for short 'the Act of 1948'). Further, it is prayed that the respondents be directed to release 50% of the minimum wages withheld w.e.f. 01.02.2013. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the controversy involved in the writ petition is covered by a decision of this Court rendered in Jagdish Singh & Ors. vs. State of Rajasthan & Ors. : S.B. Civil Writ Petition No.5954/17, decided on 13.07.2017, which was allowed with the following directions:-

"10. Accordingly, the writ petitions are allowed. The petitioners who are employed under Gramin Janta Jal Yojana as Pump Driver/Pump Operator shall be entitled for the wages as prescribed for skilled workman by the State of Rajasthan as per the provisions of Minimum Wages Act, 1948. The amount of 50% of the minimum wages payable to the petitioners withheld by the respondents shall be released forthwith. It is made clear that these directions would apply only to the cases where the scheme in question has been floated and implemented and not in any other case. If the scheme Gramin Janta Jal Yojana is not floated in a particular Gram Panchayat, the respondents would not be liable for payment at the rate of minimum wages rather, in that case, if any of the petitioner has been employed in other scheme or otherwise, he would be at liberty to approach the authority under the Minimum Wages Act for adjudication of the dispute. No order as to costs."

Accordingly, the writ petition is also allowed with similar directions as given in the case of Jagdish Singh (supra).

The stay application also stands disposed of accordingly.

(DR.NUPUR BHATI),J