

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

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 12531/2026

CNR: RJHC010558902026

URN: CW / 22773U / 2026

1. Satyendra Kumar Meena S/o Shri Sita Ram Meena, Aged About 33 Years, R/o Village And Post Binayaka, Tehsil Pipalda, District Kota, Rajasthan. (Hall Live Stock Inspector At Veterinary Sub Center Ratanpura, Tehsil Padampur, District Sri-Ganganagar).
2. Ombir Singh S/o Shri Attar Singh, Aged About 37 Years, R/o Village Amoth, Post Khanpur Ahir, Tehsil Mundawar, District Khairthal Tijara, Rajasthan. (Hall Live Stock Inspector At Veterinary Sub Center Bhadasar, District Jaisalmer).

----Petitioners

Versus

1. The State Of Rajasthan, Through Principal Secretary To The Government, Department Of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries And Dairy, Government Of Rajasthan, C-Scheme, Civil Lines, Jaipur.
2. The Director, Department Of Animal Husbandry, Pashudhan Bhawan, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
3. The Joint Director, Department Of Animal Husbandry, Sri-Ganganagar, Rajasthan.

----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Satya Prakash Sharma

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Deepak Suthar

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE NUPUR BHATI

Order

14/07/2026

1. The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioners with the following prayers:-

“(A) By an appropriate writ, order or direction, impugned transfer orders dated 09.05.2025 (Annexure-1&2), issued by respondent department of Animal

Husbandry, may kindly be interfered and be quashed and set aside qua the present petitioner with further direction to the respondents to restore original position of petitioner at same place and post on which he was working prior to issuance of said impugned transfer order, issued by respondent no. 2, Director, Department of Animal Husbandry.

(C) By an appropriate writ order or direction, in the nature thereof the, writ petition filed by petitioners may kindly be allowed in same terms in light of directions issued in the case of Dr. Hunta Ram Meena & Ors. Vs. State of Rajasthan & Ors. (S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 14776/2025 decide don 19.08.2025) & S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 16981/2025 Ashok Kumar & Others, Vs. State of Rajasthan & Others decided vide order 10.09.2025 and S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 7545/2026 Ram Singh Gurjar & Others. Vs. State of Rajasthan & Ors, decided on 16.04.2026), with further direction to respondent no. 1 to 3, to withdraw transfer of petitioner and to revert him back to his original position, on which he was earlier working prior to his transfer to border area and to allow him to work without any further disturbance.

(D) By an appropriate writ order or direction in the nature thereof, state government may kindly be directed to restrain respondents, from further causing transfer of petitioner to border areas and petitioner may kindly be reverted back to his original position, as has been done to similarly situated persons.

(C) Any other order or direction which this Hon'ble Court deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case may kindly be passed in favour of the petitioner."

2. The brief facts of the case are that the petitioners are permanent Live Stock Inspector serving in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Rajasthan. They were originally posted near his hometown but, pursuant to the impugned transfer order dated 09.05.2025, were transferred along with several other veterinary personnel to the international border areas of Rajasthan during the Indo-Pak conflict of 2025 (Operation Sindoor) to meet the exigencies arising out of the national emergency. In the interest of the nation, the petitioners joined their duties at the border without raising any objection. After the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, the emergency situation ceased to exist and the State Government, as well as various

departments, withdrew the temporary transfers made during the conflict and repatriated their employees to their original places of posting. The Department of Personnel also issued directions for withdrawal of such emergency transfers. Further, the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, by noting dated 25.06.2025, specifically directed the respondents to repatriate all veterinary staff, including Live Stock Inspectors, who had been transferred to the border areas. Despite these directions, the respondents failed to restore the petitioners to their original place of posting. The petitioners submits that several similarly situated Veterinary Doctors and Live Stock Inspectors approached this Hon'ble Court by filing writ petitions, including Dr. Hunta Ram Meena v. State of Rajasthan, Ashok Kumar & Ors. v. State of Rajasthan, and Ram Singh Gurjar & Others v. State of Rajasthan, wherein this Hon'ble Court directed the respondents to repatriate the petitioners to their original places of posting. In compliance with those orders, the respondents issued repatriation orders in respect of numerous similarly situated employees. However, since the present petitioners had not earlier approached this Hon'ble Court, they alone have been denied the benefit of repatriation despite being identically situated. Though certain remaining employees, including the petitioners, were temporarily sent back to their original places on deputation for three months, the arrangement was purely temporary and liable to expire, exposing the petitioners to re-posting in the border area. The petitioners contends that the continued retention of his services in the border area, despite the cessation of the emergency and despite judicial directions and departmental decisions restoring similarly situated

employees, is arbitrary, discriminatory, and violative of Articles 14, 16, and 21 of the Constitution of India. Being aggrieved by the impugned transfer order dated 09.05.2025 and the respondents' failure to repatriate him to his original place of posting, the petitioners have preferred the present writ petition seeking appropriate relief.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the present writ petition has been filed challenging the inaction on the part of the respondent-authorities in not considering the case of the petitioners for repatriation to the original posts from which they were transferred on account of the then emergency situation, i.e. Indo-Pak conflict, national security and disaster management existing when the orders of transfer were made on 09.05.2025 (Annex.1).

4. He submits that in the identical controversy, the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court allowed the writ petition in SBCWP No.14776/2025 (Dr. Hunta Ram Meena & Ors. Vs. The State of Rajasthan & Ors.). Relevant portion of the order is reproduced as under:-

"10. In the result, both the writ petitions are allowed. The respondents are directed to dispose of the representations of the petitioners by complying with the directions of the Minister and shall repatriate the petitioners to the posts which they were occupying prior to the transfer, if such posts are kept vacant and if such posts are already filled-in by the date of compliance of this order, the respondents are directed to consider repatriation of the petitioners to some other posting by considering the choice of the petitioners. It is made clear that this order shall not come in the way of the respondent-Department to take a decision on transfer basing on the administrative exigencies and as per the Policy of the Government.

11. The said decision shall be taken by the respondents within a period of one week from the date of production of a certified copy of this order.

12. All the pending applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.”

5. Learned counsel for the respondents is not in a position to refute that the matter is covered by the order passed in the case of Dr. Hunta Ram Meena (supra).

6. Thus, in view of the submission made by learned counsel for the parties, the writ petition is allowed. The respondents are directed to dispose of the representations of the petitioners by complying with the directions of the Minister and shall repatriate the petitioners to the posts which they were occupying prior to the transfer, if such posts are kept vacant and if such posts are already filled-in by the date of compliance of this order, the respondents are directed to consider repatriation of the petitioners to some other posting by considering the choice of the petitioners. It is made clear that this order shall not come in the way of the respondent-Department to take a decision on transfer basing on the administrative exigencies and as per the Policy of the Government. The said decision shall be taken by the respondents within a period of one week from the date of production of a certified copy of this order.

7. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(DR. NUPUR BHATI),J