

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 5126/2026

Neetha P. W/o Subodh Diliprao Dhonde, Aged About 38 Years,
R/o Flat No. 105, First Floor, New Multi Building, Roopnagar, Po-
Jhalawar, District Jhalawar, Rajasthan 326001, Presently
Assistant Professor, Department Of Fbti, At College Of
Horticulture And Forestry, Jhalrapatan Post Office, Jhalrapatan,
District Jhalawar 326023

----Petitioner

Versus

1. Agriculture University Kota, Through Its Registrar, Baran Road, Borkhera, Kota(Raj.)
2. Agriculture University, Kota, Through Its Vice Chancellor, Baran Road, Borkhera, Kota(Raj.)
3. Dean College Of Horticulture And Forestry, Jhalrapatan, District Jhalawar (Raj.)

----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Ms. Neetha P. (petitioner present-in-person).
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. R.A. Katta.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MUNNURI LAXMAN

Order

30/04/2026

1. Heard on the interim stay application.
2. The grievance of the petitioner is that the petitioner was initially granted study leave to do the Ph.D. Degree at University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad (for short, "UASD") w.e.f. 01.08.2023 to 31.07.2025.
3. The case of the petitioner is that on account of certain contingencies during the said period of her study leave, she moved from UASD, Dharwad to Sam Higginbottom University of

Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (for short, "SHUATS"), Allahabad (Prayagraj). After expiry of her study leave i.e. on 31.07.2025, she joined her services with the respondents on **01.08.2025** and after joining the duties, she has been discharging her duties for the post which she was holding. However, from **01.08.2025**, no salary has been paid till date.

4. The respondents have filed the reply which is taken on record.

5. The reply filed in the writ petition clearly shows that the petitioner had joined her services on **01.08.2025** and till date, no salary has been paid.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the respondents submits that since the petitioner had moved from UASD, Dharwad to SHUATS, Allahabad (Prayagraj) without obtaining any permission from the respondents and such conduct of the petitioner amounts to misconduct, therefore, the salary has not been paid.

7. Having heard the submissions of the parties, this Court is of the view that the very action of the respondents in denying the salary to the petitioner is unknown to law and if the respondents have any grievance, they could have taken recourse to the remedies which are available to them under the law. They cannot deny payment of salary to the petitioner in spite of the fact that she continued to discharge her duties after rejoining the respondents. There is no justification for withholding such a salary, therefore, this Court is inclined to direct the respondents to release the unpaid salary to the petitioner, for the period in question, along with interest @ 9% per annum.

8. At this juncture, the learned counsel appearing for the respondents submits that since there is valid justification for denying the salary to the petitioner, as such, she is not entitled for grant of any interest on unpaid salary.

9. This Court is not inclined to accept such an argument. Merely some deviation has been done on the part of the petitioner, the same is not a ground for withholding the salary for the period she worked with the respondents. If the salary is allowed to be paid, the same shall necessarily carry interest and interest should be paid on the unpaid salary.

10. Therefore, this Court is inclined to direct the respondents to pay the unpaid salary to the petitioner along with an interest @ 9% per annum for the period in question, within a period of one month from today and continue to pay such salary pending the writ petition. ***Ordered accordingly.***

11. List the matter on **06.07.2026**.

(MUNNURI LAXMAN),J