

SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
	04.09.2024		<p>WPPIL No. 91 of 2019 WPPIL No. 136 of 2020</p> <p><u>Hon'ble Ritu Bahri, C.J.</u> <u>Hon'ble Rakesh Thapliyal, J.</u></p> <p>1. Mr. J.S. Virk, learned Amicus Curiae. 2. Mr. P.C. Bisht, learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel for the State.</p> <p>3. Counsel for the State has informed that the State is still examining this issue.</p> <p>4. The total population of the State of Uttarakhand is about one crore twenty two lakh. The jail inmates in the entire State of Uttarakhand are about 5467. As per the Notification dated 19.01.2024, issued by the Headquarters, Prison Administration and Correctional Services Department, Uttarakhand, the minimum wages given to the inmates are as under:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">unskilled - Rs. 55/- semi-skilled - Rs. 65/- skilled - Rs.85/-</p> <p>In the jail, they are to be reformed, and they are not to be exploited like slaves.</p> <p>5. In WPPIL No. 29 of 2024, which is listed on 30.09.2024, the Court is examining an</p>

issue – whether for the year 2016-2017, exemption from penalty by the mining department has been given to 18 persons and the amount is about rupees fifty crores. The State is directed to file a counter-affidavit giving all the above details of the exemption from penalty.

6. In the present case, as per the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Gujarat & another Vs Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat (1998) 7 SCC 392***, minimum wages has to be given to the inmates when they are doing work. Much water has flown since 1998. As of now, the goods being produced by jail inmates are being sold in shops, and no profit is being shared with them.

7. This Court can issue notice of contempt if no serious steps are taken before the next date of hearing for implementing the above said judgment of the Supreme Court.

8. List the matter on 30.09.2024.

(Rakesh Thapliyal, J.)

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