

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P.(S) No. 106 of 2024

Birsa Mahto Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. The Deputy Collector, Ranchi.
3. The Additional Collector, Ranchi.
4. The Circle Officer, Bundu, Ranchi. Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE S.N. PATHAK

For the Petitioner : Mr. Suraj Kishore Prasad, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Shubham Gautam, AC to AAG-V

5/ 02.04.2024 Heard the parties.

2. The petitioner has approached this Court with a prayer for direction upon the respondents to grant the arrears of salary for the period of ten months while working as Computer Operator in the Block Office, Bundu Ranchi.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has worked as Computer Operator in the office of respondent no. 4 and this undisputed fact has been fortified in view of letter dated 14.7.2023 written by the Circle Officer, Bundu to the Additional Collector, Ranchi for payment of honorarium. Still no payment has been paid to the petitioner.

4. Though by order dated 27.02.2024, respondents were directed to file counter affidavit, but the same has not been filed. However, learned counsel appearing for the respondents submits that if a direction be given to the petitioner to file a fresh representation for payment of salary / honorarium, the same shall be considered in accordance with law taking into consideration the letter dated 14.7.2023 at Annexure-3.

5. In view of fair submissions of the learned counsel for the parties, I hereby direct the petitioner to file a fresh representation annexing all the relevant documents on which he is relying on along with a copy of this order, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On receipt of such representation, the respondent concerned is directed to consider the case of the petitioner taking into account Annexure-3 to the writ petition and pass a reasoned order on merits, in accordance with law, within a period of twelve weeks thereafter.

6. Needless to say that if the petitioner is found entitled for benefits as prayed for, the respondent concerned is directed to make payment of arrears of salary / honorarium to which the petitioner is entitled to, within a further period of three weeks. If any adverse order is passed, the same shall also be communicated to the petitioner within the said period.

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

(Dr. S. N. Pathak, J.)

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