

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

W.P.(PIL) No. 1303 of 2020:

Ram Subhag Singh son of Sri Sidhi Singh, resident of H.E.C. Colony, Qr. No. CD-498, Sec-III, PO- Dhurwa, PS- Dhurwa, District- Ranchi, email ID: rssingh2354gmail.com, Mob: 9955361967

..... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi, Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi, PO & PS Dhurwa, District- Ranchi
3. The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Planning-cum-Finance, Govt. of Jharkhand, Project Building, Dhurwa, PO & PS Dhurwa, District- Ranchi
4. The Principal Secretary-cum-Legal Remembrancer, Law Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi, PO & PS Dhurwa, District- Ranchi
5. The Jharkhand State Bar Council through its Secretary, Opp. Judges Bungalow No. 5, Near Kendriya Vidyalay, Doranda, PO & PS- Doranda, District- Ranchi, e-mail ID: info@Jharkhandstatebarcouncil.org, Mob: 9431936083

..... Respondents

with

W.P.(PIL) No. 1306 of 2020:

Roushan Kumar son of Shri Sunil Singh, JSBC Enrollment No. JH 909/2018, Resident of House No. 501, Road No.5, Sri Nagar, Near Vidya Nagar, Harmu, PO- Harmu, PS- Sukhdeo Nagar, Town- Ranchi, e-mail ID: Roshanx11@gmail.com. Mobile No. 91 9122578281/8709010789

..... Petitioner

Versus

1. The Union of India through the Secretary of La & Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, 4th Floor, A- Wing, Shastru Bhawan, New Delhi, PO, PS & District- New Delhi
2. State of Jharkhand through Chief Secretary, 1st Floor, Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi, PO & PS Dhurwa, District- Ranchi
3. Bar Council of India, 21, Rouse Avenue Institutional Area, Near Bal Bhawan, New Delhi, PO, PS & District- New Delhi.
4. Jharkhand State Bar Council, Bungalow No. 8, Near Kendriya Vidyalay, Doranda, PO & PS- Doranda, District- Ranchi
5. Advocate General, Jharkhand, Jharkhand High Court Premises, Doranda, PO & PS- Doranda, District- Ranchi

..... Respondents

with

W.P.(PIL) No. 1309 of 2020:

Vikash Kumar Dubey son of Sri Dasarath Dubey, R/o H.No. 176, Village- Tisibarkalan, PO & PS- Pandu, District- Palamu

..... Petitioner

2.

Versus

1. The Secretary, Department of Law, State of Jharkhand, Project Bhawan, PO & PS Dhurwa, District- Ranch, Jharkhand
2. The Chairperson, Advocates' Welfare Fund Trustee Committee, Jharkhand State Bar Council, Bungalow No. 8, Near Kendriya Vidyalay, North Office Para, PO & PS- Doranda, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand
3. The Chairman, Jharkhand State Bar Council, Bungalow No. 8, Near Kendriya Vidyalay, North Office Para, PO & PS- Doranda, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand

..... Respondents

For the Petitioner : In Person [WP(PIL) No.1303 of 2020]

For the Petitioner : In Person [WP(PIL) No.1306 of 2020]

For the Petitioner : Mr. Sonal Tiwary, Advocate [WP(PIL) No. 1309 of 2020]

For State of Jharkhand : Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, A.G.

For Union of India : Mr. Rajiv Sinha, A.S.G.I.

For J.S.B.C. : Mr. Rajendra Krishna, Advocate

For Bar Council of India : Mr. Prashant Kumar Singh, Advocate

CORAM : **HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

Oral Order

Per Dr. Ravi Ranjan, C.J.

02/Dated: 22.04.2020

We have heard the parties.

All these writ petitions having common cause, pertaining to grant of financial aid to the Advocates and Advocates' Clerks working in the High Court of Jharkhand and the district courts within the State of Jharkhand, with consent of the parties, are being considered together.

Mr. Rajendra Krishna and Mr. Prashant Kumar Singh, learned Advocates waive notice on behalf of Jharkhand State Bar Council and Bar Council of India respectively.

3.

Let the Bar Council of India file its response saying that what steps have been taken to assist the needy Advocates of different Associations of the High Court of Jharkhand as well as the Advocates of District Courts within the State of Jharkhand.

The State of Jharkhand is also directed to file its response as to whether in terms of the order dated 10.05.2017 passed by a Division Bench of this Court in WP(PIL) No. 3347 of 2014, any Act or Legislation has come into existence or not for the benefits of the Advocates' Clerks of different Courts of the State including High Court and if yes, then details should be filed as to how it is being implemented.

Since the State Bar Council has already framed a scheme known as "Special Welfare Scheme, 2020" which has come into existence with effect from 06.04.2020, a copy of which is appended with WP (PIL) No. 1303 of 2020 as Annexure 8, let the State Bar Council also file its response as to what step it has taken to provide assistance to the needy Advocates and what is the position of the fund available to the State Bar Council.

Let the Bar Council of India also come up with the statement as to what assistance it has contemplated to the State Bar Council for implementation of the scheme or what steps it has taken for the welfare of the Advocates of the High Court and the District Courts of the State of Jharkhand.

Mr. Manoj Kumar, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, Senior Advocate, who is Ex-Officio Chairman of Advocates Welfare Fund Trust Committee. Let a response come on or before the next date of hearing.

4.

The Trust Committee will also file its reply as to how it proposes to give assistance to the needy Advocates of the State of Jharkhand either separately or jointly with the State Bar Council, which has come up with the Scheme.

It goes without saying that since the State Government has already come up with a policy to assist all the needy persons by providing food, ration etc. who are not in a position to maintain themselves, it should not exclude such needy Advocates or Advocates Clerks.

The parties shall exchange their respective replies through electronic mail.

Post these matters on 27.04.2020.

(Dr. Ravi Ranjan, C.J.)

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

W.P.(PIL) No. 1322 of 2020:

Rajan Kumar Singh son of Manjusha Singh, R/o Q. No. CD-611, Sector-II,
HEC Colony, PO- Dhurwa, PS- Jagannathpur, Ranchi.

..... Petitioner

Versus

1. Union of India through Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, PO & PS- Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. State of Jharkhand through Secretary, Food & Civil Supply Department, Project Building, PO & PS Dhurwa, Ranchi
3. Secretary, School Education & Literacy Development Department, Nepal House, PO & PS Doranda, Ranchi
4. Jharkhand State Food Commission through its Secretary, Saket Nagar, PO & PS Hinoo, Ranchi

..... Respondents

For the Petitioner : Mr. Anup Kumar Agarwal, Advocate

For State of Jharkhand : Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, A.G.

For Union of India : Mr. Rajiv Sinha, A.S.G.I.

CORAM : **HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

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Per Dr. Ravi Ranjan, C.J.

02/Dated: 22.04.2020

Let the State Government respond to this writ petition.

Put up this matter on 27.04.2020.

In the meantime, let the State Government ensure that the needy persons are given their ration, food etc. as per the policy of the State and thereby Annexure 3 is implemented in letter and spirit.

(Dr. Ravi Ranjan, C.J.)

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)