

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P.(S) No. 1112 of 2021

(Salan Champia & Ors. Vs. The State of Jharkhand & Ors.)

With

**6253 of 2018 with 1041 of 2021 with 1113 of 2021 with 1115 of 2021 with
1126 of 2021 with 177 of 2022 with 4362 of 2022 with 5528 of 2024 with
5491 of 2024**

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

For the Petitioners	: Mr. M. M. Sharma, Advocate Mr. Suraj Kumar, Advocate Mr. Gouran Manikesh, Advocate Ms. Sumitra Kumari, Advocate
For the Respondent	: Mrs. Darshanat Poddar Mishra, AAG-I Mr. Indranit Bhaduri, SC-IV Mr. Priyadarshi, GP-VI Mr. Uttam Kumar, AC to GP-VI Ms. Amrita Banerjee, AC to GP-I Mr. Ashutosh Anand No.2, AC to GP-IV

03/ 04.10.2024 Pursuant to the order dated 19.06.2024, respondents particularly Principal Secretary, Department of Home, Prison and Disaster Management, Govt. of Jharkhand, was directed to complete the recruitment process for appointment of Chowkidars in the State of Jharkhand within a period of three months.

Specific direction was given to file affidavit regarding compliance of direction of this Court.

Learned counsel for the respondents brought to the notice of this Court letter dated 10.09.2024 which was issued by the Joint Secretary of the Department of Home. Prison and Disaster Management, Govt. of Jharkhand. From perusal of the letter dated 10.09.2024, it appears that already process for recruitment has been taken on war footing. In view of the directions of this Court, in many of the districts, recruitment process has been started. A specific direction was issued quoting the orders of this Court to complete the entire process of recruitment by 25.09.2024. From the affidavit it appears that process of appointment has been initiated in all the 24 districts of the State of Jharkhand. In the districts of Ramgarh, Ranchi, Khunti, Simdega, West Singhbhum, the process of appointment is on completion, results have already been either published or going to be published soon.

Learned Additional Advocate General Mrs. Darshna Poddar Mishra submits that in the district of West Singhbhum, Chaibasa, the result shall be published soon. It has been informed to the Court that most probably result shall be published today itself.

From perusal of the affidavit at Annexure-C, it appears that in the district of Lohardaga, East Singhbhum at Jamshedpur, Pakur, Godda, Chatra, Hazaribagh, Dhanbad, Palamu, Latehar and Garhwa, the process has been started and results are going to be published soon. On the affidavit it is also reflected that in the district of Gumla, Seraikella Kharshawa, Giridih, the process of appointment could not be completed in view of the stay order passed by this Court in W.P.(S) No.5038 of 2024, 4469 of 2024 and 5046 of 2024 respectively. In the district of Sahebganj, Dumka, Deoghar, Koderma and Bokaro the process has not yet been completed.

In view of the affidavit filed by the respondents and in view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the respondents, it appears that substantial compliance has been done however, there was a direction to complete the process of recruitment by 25.09.2024. Already two weeks have passed. However, it appears from records that the respondents have at least taken initiatives to complete the entire process.

Let it be made clear that since process of appointment has already started and in many districts it has been completed, the same shall not be stopped on any ground.

In view of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and that of this Court, respondents-State is directed to complete the process of appointment at the earliest. If there is any hurdle or obstacle, the same be brought to the knowledge of this Court by way of affidavit.

List these cases under the heading "For Final Disposal" on 17.10.2024 along with W.P.(S) No.5038 of 2024, 4469 of 2024 and 5046 of 2024 to enable the respondents to file affidavit regarding progress of the appointment process.

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