

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(PIL) No. 1997 of 2023

Archana Devi, aged about 28 years, w/o Sarwan Mandal, resident of village Chandipur, P.O.- Jonka, P.S. Tinpahar, District-Sahibganj, Jharkhand Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Sahibganj, P.O. + P.S. & District-Sahibganj
3. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Rajmahal, P.O. + P.S.-Rajmahal, District-Sahibganj
4. The Block Development Officer, Rajmahal, P.O. + P.S.- Rajmahal, District- Sahibganj
5. The District Supply Officer, Sahibganj, P.O.+ P.S. & District-Sahibganj
6. The Block Supply Officer, Rajmahal, P.O. + P.S.- Rajmahal, District- Sahibganj
7. The Marketing Officer, Rajmahal, P.O. + P.S.- Rajmahal, District-Sahibganj
8. Bandana Devi, Wife of Sadanand Mandal, The Chairman, Dinkar Swayam Sahayata Samuh of village-Chandipur, Panchayat-Babupur, Block- Rajmahal, P.O. and P.S.- Tinpahar, District-Sahibganj
9. Urmila Devi, wife of Sri Sanjay Sarkar, The Secretary, Dinkar Swayam Sahayata Samuh of village-Chandipur, Panchayat-Babupur, Block- Rajmahal, P.O. and P.S.- Tinpahar, District-Sahibganj Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR**

For the Petitioner: Mr. Din Dayal Saha, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Piyush Chitresh, AC to AG

15/Dated: 29.08.2025

1. The instant Public Interest Litigation has been filed for grant of following reliefs:

i. To investigate the public distribution system of PMGKAY and N.S.F.A schemes through independent Agency of Dinaker Mahila

Swayam Sahayata Samuh, Chandipur under Babupur Panchayat, Block-Rajmahal, District-Sahibganj, and prosecute the erring respondents who in collusion with each other have not distributed the food grains to more than 90% of its beneficiaries out of 187 Card Holders from January 2022 to August, 2022

- ii. To provide food grains to the beneficiaries of the said Dinkar Swayam Sahayata Samuh from January 2022 to August 2022 and also to provide the receipt the Card holders of Biometric system of the said scheme properly as the beneficiaries have been suffering a lot continuously for their livelihood.*
- iii. To provide the food grains of the month of September 2022 onwards in the scheme PMGKAY and NSFA regularly.*

2. On 29.07.2025, the Court passed the following orders:

“Order No. 14/Dated 29th July, 2025

- 1. Since the matter is coming after one year, we direct OF JH the respondent-State to file the latest status with regard to the lifting of the foodgrains for the last one year with substantive documentary proof to indicate that such foodgrains have in fact been supplied to the BPL families.*
- 2. List on 26.08.2025.”*

3. In compliance to the aforesaid order, the respondents have filed status report. The paragraph 6(i) and (ii) of the status report reads as under:

“6. That in reply to Hon’ble Court’s direction, these respondents submitted as following.

(i) That it is respectfully submitted that the lifting of food grains for the last one year that is from July 2024 to July 2025 has been inquired at length and found that the BPL families having ration card under Priority House Hold (PHH)/Antyoday Ann Yojna (AAY) under PMGKAY Scheme of National food Security Act (NFSA) tagged to Fair Price Shop namely Dinkar Mahila Swayam Sahayata Samuh, Chandipur under Babupur Panchayat, Block- Rajmahal, District-Sahibganj have lifted food grains regularly as the following extent:-

Sl. No .	Month	Total Allocation (kg)	Total lifting (kg)	Total distribution (kg)	Distribution Percentage (kg)
1	July 2024	3270.00	3002.38	3055.00	93.43
2	August 2024	3270.00	2955.75	3031.00	92.69
3	September 2024	3270.00	3003.16	3030.00	92.66
4	October 2024	3270.00	2985.28	2925.00	89.45
5	November 2024	3270.00	3010.00	2961.00	90.58
6	December 2024	3270.00	934.00	2959.00	90.52
7	January 2025	3270.00	3031.00	3022.00	92.43
8	February 2025	3220.00	2980.00	2912.00	90.45
9	March 2025	3190.00	2845.00	2888.00	90.53
10	April 2025	3190.00	2881.93	2904.00	91.07
11	May 2025	3190.00	2881.98	2901.00	90.94
12	June 2025	3195.00	2947.00	2869.00	89.83
13	July 2025	3195.00	2861.48	2809.00	87.93

(ii) That it is further Submitted that these distribution have been made through E-Pos Machine based on finger print authentication and in support of that distribution and lifting of grains, month wise distribution report from July 2024 to July 2025 duly obtained from Government Website <https://aahar.jharkhand.gov.in> are enclosed here with, which is substantive documentary proof that such food grains have in fact been supplied to the BPL families having Ration Cards. ”

6. It is evident from perusal of the aforesaid affidavit that the food grains have now regularly been supplied and distributed amongst the beneficiaries/BPL family under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojna (PMGKAY) of NFSA.
7. In the light of the aforesaid affidavit, we are of the considered view that the instant writ petition has achieved its purpose and is disposed of accordingly, reserving liberty to the petitioner to approach this Court, if an occasion for the same arises in future.

(Tarlok Singh Chauhan, C.J.)

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(Rajesh Shankar, J.)