

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.5627 of 2020

Veera Yadav,

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar & Ors.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Deepak Kumar Singh, Advocate
Mr.Akash Keshav, Advocate
Mr.Shaswat, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Dr.K.N. Singh, ASG
Mr.Ratnesh Kumar, CGC
Mr.Ajay (G.A. 5)

CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

10 09-09-2020 Only for verification as to whether information with regard to the setting up of COVID-19 Helpline for transgenders was functional or not, as pleaded in paragraph-3 of counter affidavit filed on behalf of respondent No.5, i.e., Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, on our request, learned Additional Solicitor General made a telephone call on Helpline No. 7016139648. Further on our request he had a conversation with the person attending the call at the said number. As per the conversation on an average, daily one or two calls are being received on this number and in last one week, only six calls were received. The nature of the complaints being



financial and psychological hardship which the persons are facing during the tenure of COVID-19.

Let rejoinder be filed within next two days.

We only request Sri Anjani Kumar, learned AAG-IV, to take up the matter with the Government for enhancing the economic support to the members of the community who, at this point in time, are suffering acute hardship, more so on account of the nature of activity to which they are engaged. For economic sustenance, noticeably at this point of time, the Government is extending financial support to Rs.1500/- per person, perhaps, which amount should be increased considering the total members of the transgender community in Bihar not more than 40,000.

Let Sri Ajay, learned G.A.5, obtain instructions in this regard.

List on 21.9.2020.

(Sanjay Karol, CJ)

(S. Kumar, J)

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