

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2586 of 2021

Dr. Ranganathan Rajya Pustakalaya Samiti,

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Navendu Kumar, Advocate
Amicus Curiae : Mr. Vivek Prasad, *Amicus Curiae*
For the Patna University : Md. Nadem Seraj, Advocate

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

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

26 25-03-2026

This Public Interest Litigation has been filed seeking a direction to the concerned authorities to initiate the process of appointment to the post of Librarian in various higher educational institutions in the State of Bihar, as the posts have remained unfilled since 1990. Consequently, the libraries have become defunct and are being run by unqualified persons in an unprofessional manner, resulting in immense difficulties for the students, faculty members, as well as the colleges and educational institutions in the State of Bihar.

2. Today, learned *Amicus Curiae* Mr. Vivek Prasad has placed before us a datasheet regarding the number of vacancies in different Universities in the State of Bihar, which is reproduced hereinbelow:-



Sl. No.	Name of University	Total number of Sanctioned posts of Librarians	Working Strength of total number of Librarians	Total Vacancies of Librarians	Remarks (Status of undertaking)
1.	Munger University, Munger	17	0	17	
2.	Patliputra University, Patna	21	0	21	
3.	Maulana Mazharul Haque & Arabic Persian University, Patna	1	0	1	To be filled by promotion as per UGC regulations
4.	Kameshwar Singh Darbhanga Sanskrit University, Darbhanga	1	0	1	
5.	Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga	38	0	38	
6.	Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur	12	2	10	
7.	B.N. Mandal University, Madhepura	15	0	15	
8.	Purnia University, Purnia	14	0	14	
9.	Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara	18(09 Assistant Librarian and 09 Librarian)	02(01 Assistant Librarian and 1 Librarian)	16	
10.	Magadh University, Bodh Gaya	Librarian-21, Assistant Librarian-7, Deputy Librarian-1, Junior Assistant Librarian-13	01 Librarian	Librarian-20, Assistant Librarian-7, Deputy Librarian-1, Junior Assistant Librarian-13	
11.	Patna University, Patna	Librarian-10, Assistant Librarian(G2)-4, Assistant Librarian(G1)-9, Assistant Librarian-09	02 Librarian	Librarian-08, Assistant Librarian(G2)-4, Assistant Librarian(G1)-9, Assistant Librarian-09	Out of the total sanctioned posts, some posts will be filled through promotion and some posts will be filled through appointment.
12.	Jai Prakash University, Chapra	17	00	17	
13.	Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Muzaffarpur	Librarian-35, Assistant Librarian-42, Deputy Librarian-1, Library Assistant-7	Librarian-11, Assistant Librarian-5, Deputy Librarian-0, Library Assistant-1	Librarian-24, Assistant Librarian-37, Deputy Librarian-1, Library Assistant-6	



3. A copy of the datasheet which has been placed before us by learned *Amicus Curiae* has been furnished to the learned Advocate General, who seeks some time to obtain instruction.

4. Office is directed to issue notice to the Vice Chancellors of the Munger University, Munger; Pataliputra University, Patna; Maulana Mazharul Haque Arabic & Persian University, Patna; Kameshwar Singh Darbhanga Sanskrit University, Darbhanga; Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga; Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur; B.N. Mandal University, Madhepura; Purnea University, Purnea; Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara; Magadh University, Bodhgaya; Patna University, Patna; J.P. University, Chapra and Baba Saheb Bheem Rao Ambedkar University, Muzaffarpur.

5. Responses shall be filed by all Vice Chancellors of the concerned universities regarding vacant posts of Librarian in their respective Universities and the steps by the Universities to fill up such vacancies.

6. A copy of this order along with a copy of the writ petition be also sent to the Vice Chancellors of the concerned Universities along with the notice.



7. List this matter on **30.04.2026**.

(Sangam Kumar Sahoo, CJ)

(Harish Kumar, J)

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