

Court No. - 40

Case :- WRIT - C No. - 13376 of 2021

Petitioner :- Pradeep Kumar

Respondent :- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited And 2 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Shreya Gupta, Ravi Anand Agarwal

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C., Komal Mehrotra, Vikas Budhwar

Hon'ble Mahesh Chandra Tripathi, J.

Hon'ble Prashant Kumar, J.

1. Heard Ms. Shreya Gupta, learned counsel for the petitioner; learned Additional Chief Standing counsel for the State respondents and Shri Komal Mehrotra, learned counsel for the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited.

2. The instant writ petition has been filed seeking following main relief:-

"(i) Issue a writ, order or direction in nature of mandamus directing the respondent no.1 corporation to complete all formalities required for issuance of no-objection certificates and formal letter of allotment of dealership in pursuance of letter of intent dated 06.09.2019 in favour of the petitioner forthwith."

3. The matter was entertained on 01.12.2023. On the said date, Ms. Shreya Gupta, learned counsel for the petitioner states that she is inclined to press the stay application as Bharat Petroleum Company Ltd. (in short 'BPCL') has issued new advertisement and they are going to hold draw of lots on 06.12.2023. In this backdrop, we have asked Shri Komal Mehrotra, learned counsel for Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited to seek instructions in the matter.

4. Today, when the matter is taken up, Shri Mehrotra, learned counsel for Bharat Petroleum Corporation, on instructions, states that till date the site in question has not been cancelled. Meanwhile in case petitioner moves an appropriate representation/application ventilating all his grievance, definitely the competent authority would consider the same as per law.

5. Confronted with this situation, Ms. Shreya Gupta, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that leave may be accorded to the petitioner to file detailed representation/application.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances, we are not inclined to keep the matter pending consideration. With the consent of parties, the writ petition is ***disposed of*** asking the petitioner to file detailed representation/application before the competent authority within ten days from today. In case, any such representation/application is filed by the petitioner, we hope and trust that the same shall be considered and decided by the competent authority as per law within a further period of two weeks.

Order Date :- 2.12.2023

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