

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.13789 of 2015

Bandan Kumar Singh Son of Sri Suresh Prasad Singh Resident of Bageshwari
Asthan, Gulab Bag P.S. Sadar, District - Purnea Proprietor M/S Shree Kuber
Udyog, Purnea

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The District Magistrate, Purnea
3. The Certificate Officer, Purnea
4. The Managing Director, Bihar State Food and Civil Supply Corporation, Sone
Bhawan, Birchand Patel Path, Patna
5. The District Manager, Bihar State Food and Civil Supply Corporation, Purnea

.... Respondents

Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Shashi Bhushan Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Ravish Chandra, AC to SC16
For the BSFC : Mr. R.S. Pradhan, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Shailendra Kumar Singh, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 08-09-2015

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned counsel
for the State and learned counsel for the respondent-Bihar State Food
Corporation.

2. It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the entire
proceedings in Certificate Case No. 671/2014-15 against the petitioner
in terms of Section 7 of the Bihar & Orissa Public Demands Recovery
Act (for short, "the Act") for recovery of the dues amounting to Rs.
3,42,20,746.20 are wholly illegal and liable to be quashed.

3. The immediate concern of the petitioner in this case is
that a warrant of arrest has been issued against him in connection with

the dues amounting to Rs. 3,42,20,746.20 recoverable in terms of the notice dated 27.08.2014 issued by the District Certificate Officer, Purnea in Certificate Case No. No. 671/2014-15.

4. It is further submitted that an objection petition under Section 9 has already been filed which is pending before the Certificate Officer but without disposing of the same, the warrant of arrest has been issued.

5. With the consent of parties, the present writ petition is disposed of with direction to the Certificate Officer, Purnea to consider and dispose of the objection petition under Section 9 of the Act said to have been filed by the petitioner, on its own merits, in accordance with law and in terms of Section 10 of the said Act within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this judgment.

6. It is made clear that until disposal of such objection petition, the Certificate Officer, Purnea, shall not resort to any coercive action for recovery of the dues against the petitioner in Certificate Case No. 671/2014-2015.

(Vikash Jain, J)

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