

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.11375 of 2015

Sadhna Kumari, wife of Prakash Sharma, Proprietor, M/s Sadhna Rice Mill,
Ramnandan Nagar, Datiyana, Bikram, P.S. Bikram, District Patna

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar, through the Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Bihar State Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Sone Bhawan, 5th Floor, Birchand Patel Marg, Patna, through its Managing Director.
3. The Managing Director, Bihar State Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Sone Bhawan, 5th Floor, Birchand Patel Marg, Patna.
4. The District Manager, Bihar State Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Patna.
5. The Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Patna
6. The Additional District Magistrate (Supply), Patna Collectorate, Patna.
7. The Certificate Officer-cum-Sub-Divisional Officer, Paliganj,

.... Respondents

Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Suraj Samdarshi, Advocate
For the State : Mr. P.K. Verma, AAG 5
For the BSFC : Mr. Shailendra Kumar Singh, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 04-08-2015

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

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that even
though a notice under Section 7 of the Bihar & Orissa Public
Demands Recovery Act (For short, “the Act”) has been served, yet
despite repeated requests by the petitioner as well as by the Certificate
Officer made to the Certificate Holder pursuant thereto, the requisite
statement of accounts has not been supplied in order to enable the

petitioner to file a meaningful petition under Section 9 of the Act denying her liability. It is further submitted that the petitioner in this case being a lady is in any event immune from arrest or detention in view of the provisions of Section 42 of the Act.

3. The immediate concern of the petitioner in this case is that a warrant of arrest has been issued against her in connection with the dues amounting to Rs.58,38,770/- recoverable in terms of the order dated 30.06.2015 passed by the Certificate Officer, Paliganj, Patna in Certificate Case No. 216 of 2014.

4. Learned counsel for the respondent-Corporation submits that the petitioner does not appear to have filed any petition under Section 9 of the Act denying her liability, and as such there is no illegality in the action of the Respondents.

5. Be that as it may, with the consent of parties, the present writ petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to file her petition under Section 9 of the Act within a period of three weeks from today, which, if done, shall be disposed of by the Certificate Officer on its own merits within a further period of four weeks thereafter in accordance with law and in terms of Section 10 of the said Act.

6. It is made clear that until disposal of such petition, if filed, the Certificate Officer, Paliganj, Patna, shall not resort to any

coercive action for recovery of the dues against the petitioner in
Certificate Case No. 216 of 2014.

7. The writ petition stands disposed of.

(Vikash Jain, J)

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