

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2991 of 2015

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1. Bibi Anwari Khatoon wife of Abdul Samad
 2. Bibi Sahenoor Khatoon wife of Abdul Quayum Both residents of village - Sujapur Tola, Gidhabari, P.S. Barari, P.O. Sujapur, District - Katihar, Pin - 854115.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. State of Bihar through Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. Revenue Minister I/C Revenue and Land Reforms Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. Collector, Katihar.
4. Additional Collector, Ceiling, Katihar.
5. S.D.O. Sadar, Sub Division Sadar, Katihar.
6. L.R.Dy. C. Katihar.
7. Circle Officer, Barari Anchal, P.S. Barari, Distt - Katihar.
8. Arjun Rishi
9. Laltoo Rishi Both sons of Late Siran Rishi Residents of Village - Sujapur, Pipratola, P.O. - Sujapur, P.S. - Barari, District - Katihar, Pin - 854115.
10. Md. Zabed son of Sk. Fazal Ali Resident of Village Bari Kachhuwa, P.O. Sujapur, P.S. Barari, District - Katihar, Pin - 854115.

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioners : Mr. Jai Krishna Prasad, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Pratik Kumar Sinha, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE DR. JUSTICE RAVI RANJAN
ORAL ORDER

4 10-03-2015 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and the State.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that a petition under Section 45B of the Bihar Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling Area And Acquisition of Surplus Land) Act, 1961 was filed by him before respondent no. 2 on 16.10.2012 which was numbered as Misc. Ceiling Case No. 8 of 2012 but

nothing has been done till date, as he has not been informed about even a single date having been fixed for hearing and though two years have already elapsed.

In above view of the matter, this writ application is being disposed of with a direction to the respondent no. 2 to dispose of the Misc. Ceiling Case No. 8 of 2012 in accordance with law expeditiously preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt / production of a copy of this order if the same has already not been disposed of. If the case has already been disposed of then the petitioners would be entitled for supply of a certified copy of the same on payment of required cost.

Let status quo, as existing today, be maintained by the parties till further three weeks and within that time petitioners would be at liberty to file a petition before respondent no. 2 for grant of interim relief, if any. If such petition is filed then it is expected that respondent no. 2 will take a decision in accordance with law if the case concerned is pending.

(Dr. Ravi Ranjan, J)

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