

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.13624 of 2015

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1. Smriti Kumar Jha Son of Late Rajendra Jha Resident of village and P.O. Bakharpur, P.S. Pirpaiti, District - Bhagalpur

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Chief Secretary Government of Bihar, Patna
2. The Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Government of Bihar, Patna
3. The Chairman, Caste Scrutiny Committee, General Administration Department, Government of Bihar, Patna
4. The District Magistrate, Bhagalpur, District - Bhagalpur
5. The District Welfare officer, Bhagalpur, District - Bhagalpur
6. The Sub - Divisional officer, Kahalgaon, District - Bhagalpur
7. The Circle officer, Pirpaiti, District - Bhagalpur

.... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. S.B.K.Mangalam, Advocate.
For the State : AC to GP-20

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KISHORE KUMAR MANDAL
ORAL JUDGMENT
Date: 11-09-2015

Heard Mr. S.B.K. Mangalam counsel for the petitioner
and AC to GP-20 for the State.

Mr. Mangalam submits that the application be
disposed of by directing the respondent no.6 to consider the claim of
the petitioner as communicated through the letter dated 01.08.2015
issued by the District Welfare Officer for grant of caste certificate as
the petitioner intends to contest the assembly election which has
already been notified. The constituency in which the petitioner is the
voter or the resident would go to polls on 12th October, 2015.

Contention of the petitioner is that earlier to this on few occasions, the respondents had granted the caste certificate certifying that the petitioner belongs to Chammar (cobbler) community. Considering the said submission of Mr. Mangalam, this court even without granting any adjournment to the respondent State to file counter affidavit dispose of the application by directing the respondent S.D.O., Kahalgaon (respondent no.6) to take a final decision in the matter and issue the caste certificate, if required, in favour of the petitioner as quickly as possible preferably within 10 days from the date of production/receipt of a copy of this order before him.

(Kishore Kumar Mandal, J)

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