

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Request Case No.181 of 2017

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Raju Kumar Singh, Son of Sri Shiv Prasad Singh, Resident of At-Mahdeo,
P.O.-Maudah, P.S.-Sahiyara, District-Sitamarhi, Proprietor of M/S R.K. &
Sons Rice Mill, Sitamarhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The Managing Director, Bihar State Food & Civil Supply Corporation Limited, Khadya Bhawan, Daroga Prasad Path, R-Block, Road No.-2, Patna-800001.
2. The District Manger, Bihar State Food & Civil Supply Corporation Limited, Sheohar.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Shashi Bhushan Kumar Mrs. Arti Kumari, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Nirmal Kumar, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date : 04-10-2017

In identical proceedings i.e. in Request Case No. 8 of 2016 and various other analogous cases, a detailed order has been passed by me on 19.4.2017 allowing an application under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act and an Arbitral Tribunal has been constituted. In this application also, the respondents herein had entered into an agreement with the petitioner and the issues, identical in nature, has been referred for arbitration on 19.4.2017. As identical issues are involved in the matter which has already been considered on 19.4.2017 in Request Case No.8/2016 and other cases and as the same objections are raised herein, I see no reason to take a different view from the one already taken by me on 19.4.2017 when a series of cases were disposed of.



The objection of the respondents that the matter is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in an S.L.P. cannot be a ground for postponing the matter as for the last several weeks adjournments are taken on this very ground. That apart, the contention that certain applicants have deposited the amount is not a ground for refusing arbitration, but a ground to be raised by the respondents before the Arbitrator and the consequential effect taken note of by the Arbitrator.

For the reasons and ground indicated in the order dated 19.4.2017, this application is allowed.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.K. Datta, a retired Judge of this Court, is appointed as arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute. However, in these proceedings this Court has not gone into the merits of various objections raised with regard to maintainability of the dispute. In view of the certificate proceedings held, the question of limitation and all other issues are left open to be canvassed by the parties before the arbitrator.

(Rajendra Menon, CJ)

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