

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2917 of 2018

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Sanjay Kumar Paswan @ Sanjay Kumar son of Late Bateshwar Paswan,
resident of village - Goura Bashudevpur, Police Station - Shahkund, District -
Bhagalpur.

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Food & Supply, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Bhagalpur.
4. The S.D.O. Sadar, Bhagalpur.
5. The District Supply Officer, Bhagalpur.
6. The Incharge Assistant District Supply Officer, Bhagalpur.
7. The Block Supply Officer, Bhagalpur.

.... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Md. Najmul Hodda, Advocate.

For the Respondents : Mr. Arvind Ujjwal, SC-4

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 23-02-2018

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the respondents.

2. The present writ petition has been filed for quashing
the letter dated 16.12.2017 contained in Memo No. 879 issued by the
respondent no. 4, the S.D.O., Sadar, Bhagalpur by which he has
cancelled the petitioner's fair price shop bearing licence No. 34 of
2016 without serving the enquiry report as well as without
considering the show cause of the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner makes a short
submission to assail the impugned order on the ground that a copy of



the enquiry report was not made available to the petitioner and he was never confronted with the same with an opportunity of being heard or adducing evidence in that regard. A specific stand has been taken in paragraph-11 of the writ petition that the impugned order of cancellation of licence has been passed without providing a copy of the enquiry report to the petitioner, though the same has been relied upon in the impugned order..

4. Learned counsel for the respondents appears and has been heard. The stand of the petitioner with regard to non-supply of enquiry report has not been controverted, as no counter affidavit has been filed till date.

5. In the above view of the matter, this Court is satisfied that non-supply of the enquiry report to the petitioner has resulted in violation of natural justice and thus the decision making process stands vitiated. The impugned order dated 16.12.2017 (Annexure-1) is hereby quashed and the matter remanded to the Sub-Divisional Officer Sadar, Bhagalpur for taking decision afresh in the matter after supplying a copy of the enquiry report to the petitioner and granting an opportunity of hearing in accordance with law. Supplies to the petitioner shall be restored without delay until fresh orders are passed by the respondent no. 4.

6. It is made clear that in case the stand of the petitioner denying receipt of the enquiry report prior to order of cancellation



being passed is found to be incorrect, the respondents shall be at liberty to approach this Court for recall of this judgment.

7. The writ petition stands allowed as above.

(Vikash Jain, J)

Md. Ibrarul/Chandran

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