

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.13679 of 2017

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Sri Sikandar Manjhi Son of Late Agnu Manjhi, Resident of Village-Bodhgaya-Baiju Bigha, P.S.-Bodhgaya, District -Gaya.

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Food and Civil Supply Department Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate Gaya
3. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar, Gaya.
4. The Block Development Officer, Bodhgaya, Gaya.
5. The Block Supply Officer Bodhgaya, Gaya.

.... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Bibhuti Narayan, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Sanjay Kr. Giri, GP9

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 09-05-2018

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as
learned counsel for the respondents.

2. The present writ petition has been filed for quashing the order contained in memo no. 1201 dated 07.01.2017 issued by respondent no. 3 whereby and whereunder the license no. 03/2010 of the petitioner of P.D.S. shop has been cancelled, and further direction has been issued to lodge F.I.R. under Section 7 of E.C. Act, 1955; and for connected reliefs.

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(iv) 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 had 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 the enquiry report has not been controverted as no counter affidavit has been filed till.

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 07.01.2017 (Annexure-3) is hereby quashed and the matter remanded to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar, Gaya 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. 3.

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)

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