

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.310 of 2018

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Suresh Prasad, S/o Late Bishwanath Prasad, Resident of Dharampur,
Panchayat - Meyari, P.S. - Fatehpur, District - Gaya.

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Secretary, Food & Consumer Protection Department, Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector, Gaya.
3. The District Supply Officer, Gaya.
4. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar, Gaya.
5. The Block Supply Officer, Fatehpur, Gaya.

.... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Dhananjaya Nath Tiwari, Advocate

For the Respondents : Mr. Upendra Pratap Singh, AC to SC4

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 20-02-2018

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

2. The present writ petition has been filed for quashing the
order contained in memo no. 737 dated 10.11.2017 passed by learned
Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar, Gaya by which the PDS licence of the
petitioner bearing licence no. 23 of 2007 granted under the provisions
of P.D.S. Order for carrying on business under the Public Distribution
System has been cancelled; and further to restore the licence and
supply 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 13 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 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 10.11.2017 (Annexure-1) 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. 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)

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