

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3436 of 2017

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Ram Kishore Singh, aged about 65 years, Son of Late Manohar Singh, Resident of Village - Bahilwara, Police Station - Saraiya, Block - Saraiya, District - Muzaffarpur.

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Department of Food and Consumer Protection, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Food and Consumer Protection, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Muzaffarpur.
4. The Sub Divisional Officer, Muzaffarpur (West).
5. The Block Supply Officer, Saraiya, Muzaffarpur (West).

.... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Anand Kumar Ojha
Mr. Ashok Kr. Karna, Advocates
For the Respondents : Mr. Alok Ranjan, AC to AAG5

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 21-06-2018

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. 3348 dated 02.12.2016 passed by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Muzaffarpur (West) (Annexure-3) by which licence of the petitioner has been cancelled and monthly allotment has been stopped; and further to restore the petitioner's licence.

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 12 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 contained in memo no. 3348 dated 02.12.2016 (Annexure-3) is hereby quashed and the matter remanded to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Muzaffarpur (West) 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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