

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.10471 of 2014

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Padru Roy, son of Late Dhaneshwar Roy, resident of Village - Baghar, P.S. -
Balrampur, District - Katihar.

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar.
2. The S.D.O. Barboj.
3. The B.S.O. Balrampur, District Katihar.

.... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Vijay Anand, Advocate

For the Respondents : AC to SC 20

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 20-07-2018

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. 194 dated 19.06.2013 passed by the
Sub-Divisional Officer, Barsoi, District Katihar by which licence
granted to the petitioner for carrying on the business of a PDS shop
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 9 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 in the counter affidavit.

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. 194 dated 19.06.2013 (Annexure-3) is hereby quashed and the matter remanded to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Barsoi, District Katihar 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. The licence the petitioner shall be restored without delay until fresh orders are passed by the respondent no. 2.

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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