

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.10876 of 2018

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Asha Devi W/o Late Shailesh Singh, resident of Village- Velara, P.S. Banka,
District- Banka.

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Food & Civil Supply
Department, Patna.
2. The SDO, Banka.
3. The Block Supply Officer, Banka

.... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Vijay Anand, Advocate.

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

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 25-06-2018

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

2. The present writ petition has been filed for challenging the
order dated 05.05.2018 passed by SDO, Banka fully contained in Memo
No. 261 whereby and whereunder the PDS licence bearing Licence No.
30/2012 has been cancelled.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that an
insufficient opportunity of three days was granted for filing show cause
and the impugned order has been passed as the petitioner was unable
to file the show cause within the stipulated time. In fact, there is
nothing on the record to indicate that the show cause notice had been
served on the petitioner. It is submitted that the petitioner's case is



squarely covered by a decision of this Court in the case of *Smt. Fulpati Devi Vs. The State of Bihar, 2013(1) PLJR 718*, wherein it has been observed as follows –

“3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner could not know about the notice as she was ill during the period. Hence, she did not file show cause and in her absence the Sub-Divisional Officer passed the impugned order cancelling her licence. He also submits that in appeal petitioner had brought this issue as ground no. (B) in the memo of appeal but the Collector has not considered the same and has brushed aside the ground taken by the petitioner and held that the ground of illness taken by the petitioner appears to be ‘Post Thought’. He submits that illness or no illness, only three days time was allowed by the Sub-Divisional Officer, which was very short, and thereafter, he passed final orders within one week, without ensuring that notice was served on her.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner appears to be correct. From the impugned order of the Sub-Divisional Officer also it does not appear that he has take care to ascertain service of notice was affected on the petitioner or not. The fact that after issue of notice on 16th of November, 2011 he passed final orders on 22nd of November, 2011 without mentioning in his order that the notice had been served on the petitioner, shows that he acted in hot haste.”

4. In the above view of the matter, the impugned order



dated 05.05.2018 (Annexure-7) is hereby set aside and the matter is remanded to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Banka (respondent no. 2) to take a fresh decision in the matter after grant of reasonable opportunity of hearing to the petitioner in accordance with law. Supplies to the petitioner shall be restored without delay until fresh orders are passed by the respondent no. 2.

5. The writ petition stands allowed as above.

(Vikash Jain, J)

Md. Ibrarul/Chandran

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