

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.13217 of 2017

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Dinesh Paswan son of Gariban Paswan Resident of village & Panchayat Chesi,
Block & Police Station - Naubatpur, District - Patna.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Old Secretariat, Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, Patna.
3. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Danapur, District Patna.
4. The Block Supply Officer, Naubatpur, Sub-Division, Danapur, District - Patna.

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Mukul Prasad, Adv

For the Respondent/s : Mr. S.RAZA AHMAD-AAG5

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 05-04-2018

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. 791 dated 13.07.2017 passed by the Sub-
Divisional Officer, Danapur by which licence of the petitioner's Fair
Price 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 report relating to enquiry held pursuant to office order no. 138
dated 03.07.2017 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 para 14 of the writ petition that the impugned order of cancellation of licence has been passed without providing a copy of the enquiry report as contained in office order no. 138 dated 03.07.2017 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.

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 13.07.2017 (Annexure-1) is hereby quashed and the matter remanded to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Danapur 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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