

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2254 of 2019

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Ranjeet Kumar (M), aged about 42 years, son of Late Umesh Prasad Singh,
R/o Village- Rajipur, P.S- Rani Talab, District- Patna.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Food and Civil Supply, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Patna.
3. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Paliganj, District- Patna.
4. The Additional Collector (Supply), District- Patna.
5. The Marketing Officer, (Supply) Dulhin Bazar, District- Patna.

... .. Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Dinu Kumar, Advocate Mr. Jitendra Kr. Sagar, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr.Arvind Ujjwal (SC4)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

2 25-04-2019 Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the statutory appeal bearing No. 37/2018-19 is pending consideration with respondent no. 2 since 15.11.2018. It is submitted that the statutory period for disposal of the appeal is 60 days whereas at least six months have gone and no date has been fixed in the matter.

Learned counsel for the State submits that in the given facts and circumstances of the case, the respondent no. 2 may be directed to dispose of the appeal within a reasonable period.

Recently, this court has come across several similar matters where the petitioner has been compelled to move this



court seeking a direction to the statutory authority to hear and dispose of the appeal. This court has no hesitation in recording that because of the inaction on the part of the statutory authorities, the court is being flooded with the writ application seeking such directions. It would be high time for the statutory authorities to take care of the situation and it would only be in the fitness of the things that the statutory authority should continue to discharge their responsibilities under the given statute by holding court and hearing regularly. If it is not done and such kind of writ applications continue to come to this court in future, the court will have to take some stringent view of the matter.

For the present, the respondent no. 2 is directed to dispose of the appeal after hearing all concern within a period of 60 days from today.

This writ application stands disposed of accordingly.

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

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