

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.736 of 2020

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1. Kailash Manjhi, S/o Late Punit Manjhi
 2. Radhe Pandit, S/o Late Baleshwar Pandit
 3. Ram Shankar Prasad Singh, S/o Late Ramdeo Prasad Singh
 4. Jagdish Thakur, S/o Late Baidyanath Thakur
 5. Anandi Paswan, S/o Late Gopali Paswan
 6. Neelam Devi, W/o Binod Kumar at present Mukhiya of Sarmera Panchayat.
All Sr. No.1 to 6, R/o Village + P.O. + P.S.- Sarmera, District- Nalanda

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Disaster Management Department, Bihar, Patna
2. The District Magistrate Nalanda
3. The Dy. Development Commissioner Nalanda
4. The Sub Divisional Officer, Biharsharif, Distt.- Nalanda
5. The Block Development Officer cum Noddell Officer, Sarmera, Distt.- Nalanda
6. The Circle Officer, Sarmera, Distt.- Nalanda
7. The District Agriculture Officer, Nalanda
8. The Block Agriculture Officer, Sarmera, Distt.- Nalanda
9. The District Panchayat Raj Officer (D.P.R.O.), Nalanda

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Deepak Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Md. Khursid Alam (AAG-12)

CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR UPADHYAY
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

3 14-01-2020 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and the respondents.

Petitioners have prayed for the following relief/reliefs:

“For direction to the respondent no.2 to make enquiry in respect of serious bungling committed in



distribution of drought relief amount to the farmers by respondent nos. 5 & 6 who have violated the notification issued by the State Govt. vide notification no. 1/Pra. Aa/37/2019/3108 dated 13.09.2019 contained in Annexure-1 which provides to grant drought relief to only one member in family but respondent no.5 allowed the drought relief to several members of one family including minor and unmarried daughter, against the provision of notification for which they are liable to initiate proceeding.”

After the matter was heard for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner shall be content if a direction is issued to the concerned respondents to consider and decide the representation, which the petitioner shall be making afresh within a period of four weeks from today.

Learned counsel for the State states that upon receipt of such request, if any, the same shall be dealt with in accordance with law, expeditiously and positively within a period of three months from the date of receipt thereof.

Equally, liberty is reserved to the petitioner to take recourse to such alternative remedies as are otherwise available in accordance with law.

We are hopeful that as and when petitioner takes recourse to such remedies, as are otherwise available in law, before the appropriate forum, the same shall be dealt with, in



accordance with law and with reasonable dispatch.

The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(Sanjay Karol, CJ)

(Anil Kumar Upadhyay, J)

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