

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No. 8584 of 2020

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Surendra Yadav @ Surendra Prasad Yadav, son of Sri Alkh Deo Roy, Vendor of Public Distribution System, Village-Molnapur, Panchayat-Molnapur, Block- Basantpur, District- Siwan and resident of Village- Molnapur, P.S.- Basantpur, District- Siwan.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Principal Secretary, Bihar State Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar, Old Secretariat, Patna.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Principal Secretary, Bihar Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar, Old Secretariat, Patna.
3. The Officer on Special Duty, Department of Bihar State Food and Consumer Protection, Government of Bihar, Old Secretariat, Patna.
4. The Divisional Commissioner, Saran, Division, Chapra.
5. The District Magistrate, Siwan.
6. The Subdivisional Officer, Maharajganj, District-Siwan.
7. The District Rationing Officer, Siwan.
8. The Block Rationing Officer, Block-Basantpur, District-Siwan.

.. ... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Dhirendra Narain Mallik
 For the Respondent State: Mr. S. Raza Ahmad, AAG-5
 Mr. Alok Ranjan, A.C. to AAG-5

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHAKRADHARI SHARAN SINGH

ORAL ORDER

3. 17-05-2021 The matter has been taken up for hearing *on-line* because of COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions.

It is stated by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State that a counter affidavit has been filed stating therein that the petitioner's statutory appeal is still pending and could not be decided because of prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent upsurge of cases in the second wave. He has further



informed that *quasi* judicial authorities under the State of Bihar have been asked to discharge their functions through *on-line* mode for disposal of matters before them.

Mr. Dhirendra Narain Mallik, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that despite the fact that the petitioner's counsel presented himself before the appellate authority on each and every date, the statutory appeal has yet not been disposed of even after lapse of one year and two months.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this application is disposed of with a direction that let the appeal be decided within three months from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order.

(Chakradhari Sharan Singh, J)

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