

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.14996 of 2021

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Gyanchandra Prasad Kushwaha Son of Late Sipahi Singh Resident of Village
- Bedwalia, P.S. - Bheldi, District- Saran (Chapra).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through its Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Commissioner Saran Division Chapra.
3. The District Magistrate, Saran (Chapara).
4. The Sub-Divisional Officer Marhaura, Saran (Chapara).
5. The Block Supply Officer, Amnour, Saran (Chapara).
6. The Block Supply Officer, Ishuapur, Saran (Chapara).

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ram Kishore Singh

For the Respondent/s : Mr.Arvind Ujjwal (Standing Counsel-4)

Mr. Upendra Pratap Singh, AC to Standing Counsel-4

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MOHIT KUMAR SHAH
ORAL ORDER

2 22-10-2021 The present writ petition has been filed seeking quashing of the order dated 18.06.2020 passed by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Marhaura, Saran (Chapra), whereby and whereunder the PDS license of the petitioner bearing license no. 31/2016 has been cancelled.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has raised a short issue for consideration, to the effect that while issuing the show cause notice dated 01.06.2020, the Sub-Divisional Officer, Marhaura, Saran (Chapra) did not indicate about any proposal for cancellation of the license. Thus, no show cause notice was



issued to the petitioner, proposing cancellation of the license, as is contemplated under Rule 27(ii) of the Bihar Targeted PDS (Control) Order, 2016. The learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that the present case is squarely covered by a judgment rendered by the learned Division Bench of this Court dated 10.7.2018 passed in L.P.A. No. 499 of 2018 (Ram Bachan Ram vs. The State of Bihar & Ors.).

The learned counsel for the Respondent-State, Shri Upendra Pratap Singh (AC to Standing Counsel-4), has not disputed the position, as is existing in law.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and having considered the materials available on record, this Court finds that the show cause notice dated 01.06.2020, issued by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Marhaura, Saran (Chapra), does not mention about any proposal for cancellation of the license of the petitioner, hence admittedly, no show cause notice has been issued to the petitioner, proposing cancellation of the license, as is contemplated under Rule 27(ii) of the Bihar Targeted PDS (Control) Order, 2016. Thus the show cause notice dated 01.06.2020, issued by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Marhaura, Saran (Chapra), is not only contrary to the provisions contained in clause-27(ii) of the Bihar Targeted PDS Control



Order, 2016 but also contrary to the law laid down by this Court in the case of Ram Bechan Ram (supra), hence, the impugned order dated 18.06.2020 suffers from material legal infirmity on account of the show cause notice dated 01.06.2020 being contrary to law. Consequently, the impugned order dated 18.06.2020, passed by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Marhaura, Saran (Chapra) stands vitiated in the eyes of law, thus, is quashed, however, with liberty to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Marhaura, Saran (Chapra) to proceed afresh, in accordance with law.

The writ petition stands allowed.

(Mohit Kumar Shah, J)

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