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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO. 2750 OF 2021

Smt.Janaki Joya Dalwani Petitioner
Vs.
State of Maharashtra and anr. Respondents

Mr.S.P. Kanuga, for the Petitioner.
Mr.P.P.Pujari, AGP for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : M. S.KARNIK, J.

DATE : 05th AUGUST, 2021

P.C. :

1. Heard learned Counsel for the Petitioner. It is the contention of the learned Counsel for the Petitioner that the impugned order is passed cancelling the licence and forfeited the deposit in respect of the fair price shop without giving a personal hearing to the Petitioner and without holding an enquiry. It is the contention of learned AGP that enquiry was held.

2. I find in the present case, the impugned order has been passed without affording any opportunity of personal hearing on the question of cancellation of licence which is a drastic action. In this view of the matter, the impugned order is

quashed and set aside. The District Supply Officer is at liberty to issue fresh notice and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law after following principles of natural justice. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on merits of the matter. All contentions are kept open. Writ Petition is disposed of.

(M.S.KARNIK, J.)