

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2171 of 2022

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Gautam Anand Son of Ram Nandan Baitha Resident of Village- Khairsan,
P.S.- Riga, District- Sitamarhi.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, East Champaran, Motihari.
3. The District Panchayat Raj Officer cum Certificate Officer, East Champaran, Motihari.
4. The Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad, East Champaran, Raxaul, Motihari.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ashok Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Lalit Kishore, AG

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. KUMAR

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date : 21-03-2022

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Petitioner has prayed for the following relief(s):-

- i) For quashing the certificate case no 1 to 7, and certificate u/s 4 initiated against the petitioner dt. 17.12.2021
- ii) For quashing the notice issued under section 7 Bihar and Orissa Public Demand Recovery Act, 1914 issued against the petitioner for show cause.



- iii) For grant of stay~~the~~ the further proceeding of certificate proceeding bearing no. 1 to 7 with regard to the petitioner.
- iv) Any other relief/s which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

It is not in dispute that petition under Section 9 of the Bihar & Orissa Public Demands Recovery Act, 1914 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") is pending consideration/petitioner intends to file before the appropriate authority.

Learned counsel for the parties jointly pray that the instant petition be disposed of with direction to the appropriate authority to consider and decide the same expeditiously.

Learned counsel for the State states that the appropriate authority shall consider and decide the petition filed/ to be filed by the petitioner under Section 9 of the Act positively within a period of two months from the date of appearance of the petitioner before him along with a copy of this order and the



issue of limitation shall not come in the way of decision on merits.

Statement accepted and taken on record.

As such, petition stands disposed of in the following terms:-

(a) Petitioner shall appear in the office of the appropriate authority on **11th of April, 2022** along with a copy of this order, on which date documents in support of the petition shall be filed, or else file a fresh petition under Section 9 of the Act.

(b) The appropriate authority shall consider and dispose of the petitioner's petition expeditiously, by a reasoned and speaking order, preferably within a period of two months from the date of appearance of the petitioner before him and till then no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner;

(c) The authority shall also examine as to whether the amount in question falls within the definition of public demand or not;

(d) Needless to add, while considering such petition, principles of natural justice shall be followed and due opportunity of hearing afforded to the parties;

(e) Order assigning reasons shall be supplied to the



parties;

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

(g) 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;

(h) Liberty reserved to the petitioner to challenge the order passed by the appropriate authority, before the appropriate forum, if so required and desired.

(i) We have not expressed any opinion on merits. All issues are left open;

The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

Interlocutory Application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(Sanjay Karol, CJ)

(S. Kumar, J)

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