

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.6737 of 2021**

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Sonu Kumar @ Rajeev Son of Late Lal babu Sah resident of village- Teknari,  
P.s.- Patepur, Distt.- Vaishali

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through its Principal Secretary,
2. The District Magistrate, Vaishali at Hajipur
3. The Sub Divisional Office, Mahua, Vaishali at Hajipur
4. The Sub Divisional Officer, Vaishali at Hajipur
5. The Block Development Officer, Patepur, Vaishali at Hajipur
6. The Block Supply Officer, Patepur, Vaishali
7. The Station House Officer, Patepur, Vaishali

... .. Respondent/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Kaushal Kishor, Advocate  
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Arvind Ujjwal, SC-4

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**  
**and**  
**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. KUMAR**  
**ORAL JUDGMENT**  
**(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)**

**Date : 04-01-2022**

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

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

1. That the instant writ application is being filed in the nature of mandamus for direction to respondent authority to release the Arwa Rice about 166 bags i.e. 839 quintals which has been seized in connection with Patepur P.S



Case No-09/2020 and further pass other consequential order in the instant matter.

After the matter was heard for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner, under instructions, states that petitioner shall be content if a direction is issued to the authority concerned to consider and decide the representation which the petitioner shall be filing within a period of four weeks from today for redressal of the grievance(s).

Learned counsel for the respondents states that if such a representation is filed by the petitioner, the authority concerned shall consider and dispose it of expeditiously and preferably within a period of three months from the date of its filing along with a copy of this order.

Statement accepted and taken on record.

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

(a) Petitioner shall approach the authority concerned i.e Respondent No. 5, namely the Block Development Officer Patepur, Vaishali at Hajipur within a period of four weeks from today by filing a representation for redressal of the grievance(s);

(b) The said authority shall consider and dispose it of



expeditiously by a reasoned and speaking order preferably within a period of three months from the date of its filing along with a copy of this order;

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

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

(e) 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;

(f) Liberty reserved to the petitioner to approach the appropriate forum, if the need so arises subsequently on the same and subsequent cause of action;

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

(h) The proceedings, during the time of current Pandemic- Covid-19 shall be conducted through digital mode, unless the parties otherwise mutually agree to meet in person i.e. physical mode;



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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