

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.10699 of 2021

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Ram Babu S/o Bindeshwar Ram Resident of Village- Rampur, P.S.-
Ratnifaridpur, District-Jehanabad.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector, Jehanabad.
3. The Licensing Authority-Cum Sub-Divisional Officer, Jehanabad.
4. The Block Supply Officer, Ratnifaridpur, District-Jehanabad.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Dhananjaya Nath Tiwari, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Lalit Kishore (Ag)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MOHIT KUMAR SHAH
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA)

2 07-02-2022 The matter has been heard *via* video conferencing.

The present writ petition has been filed for quashing the order dated 08.03.2021 passed by the Licensing Authority-cum-Sub Divisional Officer, Jehanabad, whereby and whereunder the PDS license of the petitioner bearing License no. 43/2016 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 04.02.2021, Sub Divisional Officer, Jehanabad 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 Bechan Ram vs. The State of Bihar & Ors.)***.

The learned counsel for the Respondent-State 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 04.02.2021, issued by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Jehanabad 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 04.02.2021, issued by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Jehanabad 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 08.03.2021 suffers from material legal infirmity on account of the show cause notice dated 04.02.2021 being contrary to law. Consequently, the impugned order dated 08.03.2021, passed by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Jehanabad, stands vitiated in the eyes of law, thus, is quashed, however, with liberty to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Jehanabad to proceed afresh, in accordance with law.

The writ petition stands allowed.

(Rajan Gupta, J)

(Mohit Kumar Shah, J)

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