

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.9192 of 2022

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Baijnath Prajapati, male, aged about 82 years, S/o Late Radha Krishna Prajapati, R/o Mohalla-Beltal (Imlital), P.S.-Danapur Cantt., Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment, Patna, Bihar.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Aranya Bhawan, Ahisana More Road, Mali Tola, Sheikhpura, Patna, Bihar-180004.
3. Conservator of Forest, Ashiana More Road, Mali Tola, Sheikhpura, Patna, Bihar-800014.
4. Divisional Forest Officer cum Licensing Authority, Patna Division, Nehru Nagar, Patna-13.
5. Conservator of Forest, Danapur Area, Patna.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rajendra Nath Sinha, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Raghwanand, GA 11

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DR. ANSHUMAN
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA)

2 26-08-2022 The matter has been heard *via* video conferencing.

An order was passed against the petitioner by the Divisional Forest Officer-cum-Licensing Authority way back on 15.11.2015. He has filed an appeal against the said order before the Conservator of Forest, Ashiana More, Sheikhpura, Patna. According to him, the appeal is pending till date and no order has been passed.

A query has been put to learned counsel for the State



for inordinate delay in disposal of appeal. However, no clear answer is forthcoming.

Under the circumstances, we dispose off the writ petition with a direction to the appellate authority to decide the appeal within a fixed time frame, in any case, not later than one month.

(Rajan Gupta, J)

(Dr. Anshuman, J)

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