

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.15200 of 2022

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Amarendra Prasad Choudhary, son of Late Hari Prasad Choudhary, resident of Ward No. 26, Abarpul, P.S. Ara Town, Bhojpur, at present posted as Junior Engineer, Ganga Pump Canal Division (Supervisor, paddy procurement Centre, Chausa), Buxar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies Department.
2. Managing Director, Bihar State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Patna.
3. District Magistrate, Buxar.
4. District Manager, State Food Corporation, Buxar.
5. District Certificate Officer, Buxar.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Kamlesh Prasad Yadav, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Alok Ranjan, AC to AAG-5
For the BSFC	:	Mr. Shailendra Kumar Singh, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date : 21-11-2022

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

“For issuance of an appropriate writ for quashing the certificate notice dated 9-6-2017 issued by the District Certificate Officer, Buxar under the provisions of section 7 of the Bihar & Orissa Public Demands Recovery Act, 1914 in Certificate case no. 53/2016-17, which has been initiated against the petitioner for recovery of the alleged misappropriated sum of Rs. 34,09,674.22 due to the



Govt./S.F.C., Buxar in connection with paddy/rice procurement work for the Kharif season 2012-13, and for any other relief or reliefs for which the petitioner is entitled under the law.”

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 12.12.2022 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)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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