

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.14876 of 2021

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Bhola Prasad Son of Late Vasdeo Ram Mohalla- Mathuriaya (Sherpur Bazar), Post- Biharsharif, P.S.- Laheri, District- Nalanda.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar Bihar.
2. The Chief Secretary Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Principal Secretary Mantrimandal Sachivalaya, Bihar, Patna.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Indradeo Prasad, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Pushkar Narain Shahi (AAG-6)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date : 30-08-2023

The petitioner is aggrieved with Section 2 of the guidelines of Bihar Public Grievance Redressal Rights, para 16, which according to the petitioner, restricts the appearance of an Advocate. It is argued that many of the persons who raise complaints under the Public Grievance Redressal Act, 2015, are not well versed with laws and require the assistance of Advocates. Para 16 of the guidelines provides for the personal appearance of complainant or appellant on the date of hearing, on notice being served and in his absence, the Appellate Tribunal or the Revisional Tribunal is empowered to either grant a further opportunity of hearing or dispose of the matter, even in



the absence of the complainant. There is no prohibition in an Advocate being engaged.

2. It is pointed out in the counter affidavit that specifically the representation of lawyers has not been included to avoid further financial liabilities on the complainants, especially when there are dedicated officers appointed to look into the grievance raised.

3. We find absolutely no reason to entertain the writ petition and the same stands dismissed.

(K. Vinod Chandran, CJ)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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