

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.13621 of 2022

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Ashok Kumar Singh @ Ashok Kumar Paswan Son of Balchand Paswan,
resident of Village - Goriyawan Tola Bairganiya Tand, Panchayat -
Guriyawan, Anchal - Mohanpur, P.S. - Barachatti, District - Gaya.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Gaya.
3. The Sub Divisional Officer, Sherghati, District - Gaya.
4. The District Supply Officer, Gaya, District - Gaya.
5. The Block Supply Officer, Mohanpur, District - Gaya.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ajay Kumar Sinha, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Arvind Ujjwal (Sc4)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A. ABHISHEK REDDY
ORAL ORDER

3 12-12-2023 Even though, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has argued at length on merits of the case, this Court is not inclined to entertain the present writ petition, having regard to the facts that the petitioner has an alternative and efficacious remedy of preferring a statutory appeal before the District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Gaya, under Clause 32(3) of the Bihar Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2016. The present writ petition is disposed of directing the petitioner to approach the District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Gaya (Respondent No. 2) by way of appeal within a period of two weeks from today. On such appeal



being filed, the District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Gaya (Respondent No. 2) shall consider the same on merits and pass a reasoned orders in accordance with law.

2. It is needless to mention that before passing any order, the authorities concerned shall give an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. The entire exercise shall be completed as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of eight weeks from the date of filing of the appeal by the petitioner. Any order passed shall be communicated to the parties.

3. Accordingly, the present writ petition stands disposed of.

(A. Abhishek Reddy , J)

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