

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.12252 of 2023

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Sunil Kumar, Son of Ram Chandar Saw, Resident of Burarai Bazar, Shiv Mandir, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secreary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar at Patna.
2. Principal Secretary, Principal Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar at Patna.
3. District Magistrate-Cum-Collector, Patna, District-Patna.
4. Additional District Collector (Supply), Patna, District-Patna.
5. Sub-Divisional Officer, Paliganj-Cum-Licensing Authority, Paliganj, District-Patna.
6. Marketing Officer-Cum-Block Supply Officer, Bikram, P.S.-Bikram, Patna. District-Patna.
7. Block Supply Officer, Dulhin Bazar, District-Patna.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Sumit Kr. Singh, Adv.
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr.Arvind Ujjwal (Sc 4)
		Mr. Maruti Nath Rey, AC to SC 9

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

2 11-10-2023 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, Patna, 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, Patna (Respondent No. 3) by way of appeal within a period of two weeks from today. On such appeal being filed, the District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Patna (Respondent No. 3) 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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