

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.22923 of 2019

Sanjay Kumar Ray @ Sanjay Kumar son of Ghoghan Ray, resident of village and P.O. and P.s.- Naugachia, District- Bhagalpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Chief Secretary, Food and Supply, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Food and Supply and consumer protection, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Deputy Development Commissioner, District- Bhagalpur.
4. The District Magistrate, Bhagalpur, Distt- Bhagalpur.
5. The Sub-divisional Officer-cum-licensing supply Officer, Naugachia, Distt- Bhagalpur.
6. The District Supply Officer, Bhagalpur, Distt- Bhagalpur.
7. The Block Development Officer-cum-Block Supply Officer, Naugachia, Distt- Bhagalpur.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Amrendra Kumar, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Arvind Ujjwal (SC4)

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL JUDGMENT
(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR)

Date : 24-01-2023

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

The license of the petitioner was suspended on receipt of certain complaints against him as a P.D.S. dealer.

The petitioner was asked to give his reply to such notice. He has submitted his explanation but, till date, no



final order has been passed. In the meantime, the petitioner has also been made an accused in a criminal case involving breach of the provisions of the E.C. Act, 1955.

The proceeding ought to be brought to a logical conclusion.

Considering this aspect of the matter, we direct the Licensing Authority to issue a fresh notice to the petitioner, asking him to explain the cause for retaining his licence and after return of the rule for which the petitioner shall be given reasonable time, a reasoned order shall be passed within a reasonable period of time, preferably sixty days thereafter.

With the aforementioned observation/direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(Ashutosh Kumar, J)

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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