

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2696 of 2024

1. Dr. Rajnish Kumar, Advocate Son of Late Dinesh Prasad Sinha, Resident of Village - Keshawe, Ward No. - 8, Post Office - Keshawe, Police Station - Barauni, Begusarai - 851134.
2. Nepali Mahto, Son of Late Triveni Mahto, Resident of Village - Govindpur-Keshawe, Ward No. - 4, Post Office - Keshawe, Police Station - Barauni, Begusarai - 851134.
3. Arvind Singh, Son of Late Nageshwar Prasad Singh, Resident of Ward No. - 8, Post Office - Keshawe, Police Station - Barauni, Begusarai - 851134.
4. Raja Khan, Son of Late Rafik Khan, Resident of Village - Govindpur, Ward No. - 2, Police Station - Barauni, District - Begusarai.
5. Manoj Sah, Son of Chandra Deo Sah, Resident of Govindpur-Keshawe, Ward No. - 4, Begusarai - 851134.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The Union of India through the Secretary, Dept. of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, 201, A-Wing, 2nd floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001.
2. The Executive Director, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Barauni Refinery, Post Office - Barauni Oil Refinery, District - Begusarai- 851114, Bihar Email- baraunirefinery@indianoil.
3. The Deputy General Manager, Human Resource, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Barauni Refinery, Post Office - Barauni Oil Refinery District - Begusarai - 851114, Bihar, Email - baraunirefinery@indianoil.
4. The State of Bihar through District Magistrate-Begusarai, Collectorate Campus, Begusarai, Begusarai Email-dm-begusarai.bih@nic.in

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Ravindra Kumar Rai, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Sujeet Kumar Sinha, CGC

CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

2 16-02-2024 The petitioners have an alternate remedy to

proceed under the Bihar Public Land Encroachment Act,



1956. There cannot be maintained a Public Interest Litigation on the subject matter nor is the invocation of the extraordinary power possible; when there is such an alternate efficacious remedy available.

2. Present petition stands dismissed with the liberty aforesaid; without any observation on merits, or even the *locus standi* of the petitioners, which has to be decided by the Appropriate Authority under the Act of 1956.

(K. Vinod Chandran, CJ)

(Harish Kumar, J)

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