

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.5432 of 2024**

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Shri Baleshwar Prasad @ Baleshwar Prasad Son of Late Nathun Prasad  
Resident of Village- Pakri, P.S.- Pakri, Block- Masaurhi, Gram- Panchayat-  
Bhaiswa, District- Patna, Bihar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Sub Divisional Officer, Masaurhi, Patna.
3. The Assistant District Supply Officer, Masaurhi, Patna.
4. The Block Supply Officer, Masaurhi, Patna.

... .. Respondent/s

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**Appearance :**

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| For the Petitioner/s | : | Mr. N.K. Agarwal, Sr. Adv.<br>Ms. Diksha Kumari, Adv. |
| For the Respondent/s | : | Mr. Standing Counsel 08                               |
| For the State        | : | Mr. Anil Kumar, AC to SC-8                            |

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

4      24-07-2024                      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 by way of appeal within a period of two weeks from today. On such appeal being filed, the



District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Patna 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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