

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.17405 of 2024

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Janki Devi W/o-Late Shivji Prasad Yadav Resident of Village Jivdhara Police Station Pipra Kothi, District-East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Regional Conservator of Forest, Muzaffarpur.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Motihari
4. The Range officer Chakia Range, East Champaran, Motihari.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Rishikesh Ojha
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Standing Counsel (25)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NAWNEET KUMAR PANDEY

ORAL ORDER

2 21-11-2024 Heard the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that as per Circular of the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change issued through memo no. 1258 dated 23.06.2020 (Annexure-P/7) paragraph-2 of the circular, on the death of licensee, the license shall be renewed in favour of heir of the licensee. The petitioner is wife of the original licensee, who died on 25.04.2015. Prior to the death of the licensee, on the ground of his ailment, an application for renewal of licence and transfer of saw mill was made by the petitioner, the widow of the licensee. During pendency of that application, the original licensee died. He has further submitted that the application for



renewal of license and transfer of saw mill is pending before the Divisional Forest Officer, Motihari.

3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Motihari is directed to dispose of the application in accordance with law within a period of one month. The Divisional Forest Officer, Motihari shall adhere with the circular dated 23.06.2020, if there is no cogent reason for deviation.

4. With the aforesaid directions/observations, this writ petition stands disposed of.

(Nawneet Kumar Pandey, J)

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