

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.24600 of 2018

Pradeep Ranjan Pandey S/o Jai Prakash Pandey R/o Village- Ledri, P.S.-
Chand, District- Kaimur at Bhabhua

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Food and Civil Deptt,
government of Bihar, Patna
2. The Principal Secretary, Food and Civil Department, Govt. of Bihar Patna
3. The Commissioner, Patna Division, Patna
4. The District Magistrate, Kaimur, Bhabhua
5. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Kaimur, Bhabhua
6. The Block Supply Officer, Chand
7. Virendra Kumar Singh S/o Mahatim Singh Village- Dulhi, P.S.- Chand,
District- Kaimur at Bhabhua

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Saket Tiwary, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr.S.Raza Ahmad -Aag5

CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. G. ANUPAMA CHAKRAVARTHY

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date : 21-08-2025

1. The Writ petition is filed for the following
reliefs:-

*“(i) For setting aside memo No.
692 dated 19.09.2018 issued by the
Collector-Cum-Chairman of District
Selection Committee, Kaimur to the
extent to which the application of the
petitioner for selection as PDS Dealer*



has been wrongly been rejected and respondent No. 7 has been appointed.

(ii) For issuance of direction to appoint the petitioner in place of the respondent No. 7.

(iii) For any other relief(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of Justice."

2. At this juncture, the Learned counsel for the respondents contended that Section 32(iii) of the Bihar Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2016 provides for the provision of appeal and Section 32(vi) of the Bihar Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2016 provides for the provision of revision. Section 32(iii) 32(v) and 32(vi) read as follows:

"32 (iii) Any person aggrieved by an order of the licensing authority denying the issue or renewal of the license to the fair price shop owner or cancellation of the license may appeal to the District Officer within thirty days of the date of receipt of the order and the District Magistrate shall, as far as



practicable, dispose the appeal within a period of sixty days.”

32. (v) Till the disposal of appeal pending, the Appellate Authority may direct that the order under appeal shall not take effect for such period as the authority may consider necessary for giving a reasonable opportunity to the other party under sub-clause (4) or until the appeal is disposed of, whichever is earlier.

(vi) Due to non disposal of the appeal within sixty days by the District Officer or against the order passed in the appeal, a revision may be filed before the Divisional Commissioner. The revision shall be disposed of within two months.

3. Admittedly, from the reliefs prayed for in the Writ petition, it is evident that the petitioner has an alternative remedy under the provisions of Bihar Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2016.

4. The remedy available under the Act is to prefer an appeal before the District Magistrate. As the District Magistrate is the head of the Selection



Committee, he cannot review his orders in an appeal. Therefore, the petitioner is directed to file a complaint/application before the Divisional Commissioner.

5. The Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that he intends to file a complaint/application before the concerned authority, but the limitation period for filing the same has lapsed. He prayed for a direction to the concerned authority to entertain the same in accordance with Section 5 of the Limitation Act.

6. Taking into consideration that the petitioner has an alternative remedy for filing complaint/application, the Writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to file complaint/application within one month from the date of receipt of this order before the concerned authority. The delay in filing the complaint/application shall be condoned by the authority concerned, and the authority shall dispose of the same within three months from the date of filing of the same.



7. With the above said observation, the
Writ petition is disposed of.

8. Interlocutory Application(s), if any, shall
stand disposed of.

(G. Anupama Chakravarthy, J)

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