

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.9006 of 2017

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Dhiraj Kumar son of Nathuni Prasad Proprietor of M/s Maa Laxmi Industries
Rice Mill, resident of village - Hisua Road Biyada, P.S. - Bundelkhand,
District - Nawada.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar and Ors
2. The District Collector-cum-District Magistrate-cum-Arbitrator, District - Nawada.
3. The District Certificate Officer, Nawada, Dist. Nawada.
4. The Bihar State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Khadya Bhawan, Daroga Prasad Path, R -
5. The Managing Director, Bihar State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Khadya Bahwan, Daro
6. The District Manager, Bihar State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. Nawada, District - Nawad

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Sumeet Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Arvind Ujjwal-SC 4
For the BSFC	:	M/s Shailendra Kumar Singh, Utkarsha Utpal, Advocate

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. G. ANUPAMA
CHAKRAVARTHY**

ORAL ORDER

3 24-06-2025 1. The writ petition is filed for the
following reliefs:

“1. for stopping of the
Arbitration Reference Case No. 6(M) of
2016 pending in the court of District
Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Nawada,
respondent no-2 in between the petitioner
as well as District Manager, BSFC,
Nawada; on the ground that the arbitration
proceeding is not maintainable in the light



of new amendment dated 23.10.2015 in the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015 by virtue of which the interested party cannot be the arbitrator;

II. And for any other relief/reliefs which the petitioner is entitled for.”

2. During the course of arguments, it was contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that, in view of the amendment to the Arbitration Act, the Collector himself is not competent to pass any order. However, in the present case, the order was passed by the Collector, which came to the notice of the petitioner only upon receipt of the counter affidavit.

3. A proceeding has been initiated under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and in terms of the agreement the Collector was appointed as Arbitrator to decide the case. There is provision under Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 which provides that if any



person is aggrieved by the award he may challenge the same before the Principal Civil Court.

4. The Learned counsel for the petitioner accordingly seeks permission to challenge the order passed by the Collector prior to approaching the Civil Court under Section 34 of the Arbitration Act. The petitioner is always at liberty to pursue his remedies before the appropriate forum.

5. In view of the above discussion, the Writ petition is, hereby, disposed off.

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

(G. Anupama Chakravarthy, J)

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