

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.15537 of 2017

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Jagan Nath Das Son of Laxmi Das, Resident of Village- Donwari, Ladniya,
Police Station- Ladaniya, District- Madhubani.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar
2. The Chief Conservative of Forest, Bihar, Patna.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Darbhanga Division, Darbhanga.
4. The Chairman cum-Commissioner, Saw Mill Selection Committee,
Darbhanga, Divisional Darbhanga.
5. The Conservative Forest Officer, Muzaffarpur, Anchal Muzaffarpur, District-
Muzaffarpur.

... .. Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Ashok Kumar Prasad, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Raghwanand, GA-11
	:	Mr. Pratik Kumar, AC to GA-11

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK KUMAR SINHA
ORAL ORDER

2 13-05-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner Mr. Ashok

Kumar Prasad and Mr. Raghwanand, learned GA-11 for the

Respondent-State.

2. With the consent of both the parties, this writ
application is being disposed at the present stage.

3. The petitioner in the present writ application has
prayed for issuance of mandamus upon the respondents to
include the Saw Mill of the petitioner in the selection list on the
basis of seniority in light of the order/judgment dated
13.07.2016 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge-II,
Madhubani in Miscellaneous Appeal No. 08 of 2013. Learned



counsel for the petitioner further submits that in light of this judgment passed in M.A. No. 08 of 2013, the petitioner had filed a representation dated 20.01.2017 before the Divisional Forest Officer-cum-Licensing Officer, Darbhanga (respondent no. 3) praying therein to include his Saw Mill after renewing his license in light of the judgment passed in M.A. No. 08 of 2013. Despite the fact that this representation was filed in January 2017, till today, the same is pending and has not been disposed of by the Divisional Forest Officer-cum-Licensing Officer, Darbhanga (respondent no. 3).

4. Learned counsel appearing for Respondent-State has no answer to the fact that as to why the representation has not been disposed of/decided by the Divisional Forest Officer-cum-Licensing Officer, Darbhanga (respondent no. 3) despite its pendency for last almost more than eight years.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if an appropriate direction is issued to the Divisional Forest Officer-cum-Licensing Officer, Darbhanga (respondent no. 3) to dispose of his representation (Annexure-3 to the writ application) within a fixed time frame.

6. Respondent-State does not have objection to this prayer being made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.



7. In view of the above, the Divisional Forest Officer-cum-Licensing Officer, Darbhanga (respondent no. 3) is hereby directed to dispose of the representation dated 20.01.2017 filed by the petitioner within four weeks from today, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. The order passed by the respondent no. 3 shall be a reasoned and speaking order.

8. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the present writ application stand disposed of.

(Alok Kumar Sinha, J)

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