

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3498 of 2024

Atmabodh through its Secretary, Dr. Maurya Vijay Chandra having its registered office at - 2183, Sector B, Pocket 2, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi Pin - 110070.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Planning and Development, Government of Bihar, Old Secretariat, Bailey Road, Patna - 800015.
2. Tourism Department, Government of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Patna, Bihar, Old Secretariat, Bailey Road, Patna - 800015.
3. The District Magistrate Gaya, Add : The Office of District Magistrate, Dipak Road, Durga Bari, Gaya, Bihar - 823001.
4. Bihar Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., Veer Chand Patel Path, Patna, Bihar.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Ms. Rana Neha Kumari, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. P.K. Shahi, Advocate General
		Mr. Vikash Kumar, AC to AG
		Mr. Sanjiv Kumar, AC to AG
		Mr. Amish Kumar, AC to AG
For the BTDC	:	Ms. Anukriti Jaipuriyar, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date : 28-01-2025

We have heard the counsel for the petitioner
as also the State.

2. The litigation was initiated by the
petitioner with a prayer for a direction to the respondents



to immediately spruce up the Tourist Complex at Village - Pattharkatti, Gaya and inaugurate it at the earliest so that it becomes fully functional. The further prayer of the petitioner was to direct for an enquiry on the causes of the delay in completion and inauguration of the project and for fixing the responsibility of the Officers responsible for the delay.

3. It appears from the records that at Village - Pattharkatti, a Tourist Complex was constructed from the funds allotted by the Central Government way-back in the year 2016 by the Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation.

4. The Tourism Development Corporation requested the Industries Department for operation and management of the Tourist Complex. The request by the Corporation was not denied, but the response of the Industries Department was that it could be permitted to handle by one of its undertakings, namely, Upendra Maharathi Shilp Anushandhan Sansthan, Patna, which



could take charge of the Tourist Complex. However, for the ensuing elections and the promulgation of the Model Code of Conduct, nothing proceeded any further.

5. At present, the stand of the Tourist Corporation is that whole-hog effort is being made to make it functional.

6. From the counter affidavit filed on behalf of respondent No. 4, it appears that the Tourism Department had sought opinion of the Principal Secretary, Department of Industries regarding the management, operation and maintenance of the newly constructed Tourist Complex by the Industries Department. Now, a decision has been taken to operate the Complex by outsourcing it.

7. For operation and maintenance of the Complex in question, a tender had also been floated, which attracted two bidders, but both of them were disqualified for their being technically non-responsive.

8. Thereafter, an approval has been



obtained from the Department of Tourism to handover the demised property, viz., Tourist Complex at Village - Pattharkatti to Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Project, properly known as *JEEViKA* with the objective of social and economic empowerment of the local people and also for repair or renovation of the property, if required, which shall be done by the Tourism Corporation.

9. We find from these facts that all efforts are being made to make the Tourist Complex functional and purposive.

10. There is no necessity of continuing with this Public Interest Litigation.

11. The petition is consigned.

(Ashutosh Kumar, ACJ)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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