

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.9417 of 2019

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Ram Babu Baitha Son of Nageshwar Baitha, resident of Village Narma Dih
P.S. Hathauri, District- Muzaffarpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Principal Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. Additional Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
4. District Magistrate, Muzaffarpur.
5. District Supply Officer, Muzaffarpur.
6. Sub Divisional Officer, Muzaffarpur, East, District Muzaffarpur.
7. Block Development Officer, Bochahan, District Muzaffarpur.
8. Block Supply Officer, Bochahan, West, District- Muzaffarpur.
9. Chandan Kumar Nirala, Son of Shiv Narain Ram, resident of Village and P.O. Narma, P.S. Hathauri, Prakhanda Bochahan, District- Muzaffarpur.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Arun Kumar, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr.S. Raza Ahmad (Aag5)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. G. ANUPAMA CHAKRAVARTHY

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date : 22-09-2025

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

*A) To issue a writ of mandamus
or any other writ or write, direction or
directions, commanding upon the
respondents to allot the Pair Price shop
under Panchayat Nama P.S. Hathauri.
Prakhanda Bochahan District
Muzaffarpur, in the name of the*



petitioner whose name stands in serial no. 1 in merit List and to cancel the allotment of fair price shop in the name of respondent No.9, namely, Chandan Kumar whose name stands in Sr No.2 in merit list but not recommended for allotment of the Fair price shop of Panchayat Nama who has no computer knowledge nor he is aged than the Petitioner.

B) To stay the allotment order issued in the name of the respondent NO. 9 till the final order passed by this Hon'ble court.

C) To pass any such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court thinks fit and proper.

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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