

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.9258 of 2019

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Rajeev Kumar S/o Binda Paswan R/o Chhapki, Shahpur Maricha Block-
Kudhani, district- Muzaffarpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Food and consumer protection, Bihar, Patna.
2. The Divisional Commissioner Tirhut Division, Muzaffarpur.
3. The District Level Selection Committee Muzaffarpur through its Chairman.
4. The Collector cum Chairman District Level Selection Committee, Muzaffarpur.
5. The Sub Divisional Officer West, Muzaffarpur.
6. The Block Supply Officer Kudhani Block, Muzaffarpur.
7. Parmindra Kumar S/o Sri Baidyanath Paswan R/o - Village- Subdhiyanur, P.O.- Balara Ismail, P.S- Maniyari, district- Muzaffarpur.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

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

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CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. G. ANUPAMA CHAKRAVARTHY
ORAL JUDGMENT

Date : 23-09-2025

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

“for issuance of appropriate writ/writs for direction to consider, recommend and issue Public Distribution System License to petitioner by setting aside the letter no.-522 dt.-9.03.2019 to the extent of Respondent no.-7 Placed at Sl. No.-40 in the Recommendation List and further to restrain Respondents to



issue PDS License to Respondent No.-7, 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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