

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.8555 of 2025

1. Ashok Mistri Son of Shrawan Mistri, Resident of Village-Fatehpur, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.
2. Sanjay Mistri, son of Mahendra Mistri, Resident of Village-Bherhariya English, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.
3. Subhash Kumar, Son of Tej Narayan Paswan, Resident of Village-Masaurha Chowki, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.
4. Sanjay Mistri, Son of Late Loknath Mistri, Resident of Village-Mahabalipur, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.
5. Budhan Mistri, son of Late Sukhdeo Mistri, Resident of Village-Akuri, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.
6. Niraj Kumar, Son of Yogendra Mistri, Resident of Village-Nirakhpur, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.
7. Suryadeo Mistri, Son of Late Raj Kumar Mistri, Resident of Village-Barki Paipura, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.
8. Sanjay Sharma, son of Shrawan Sharma, Resident of Village-Fatehpur, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.
9. Vijay Kumar Sharma, Son of Late Haricharan Sharma, Resident of Village-Bherhariya English, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.
10. Rahul Kumar, son of Late Umesh Vishwakarma, Resident of Village-Bhagwanganj, P.S.-Bhagwanganj, District-Patna.
11. Arvind Kumar, son of Uday Mistri, Resident of Village-Masaurha, P.S.-Paliganj, District-Patna.
12. Kunjan Kumar, son of Akhilesh Sharma, Resident of Village-Khaira Bazar, P.S.-Sahar, District-Bhojpur.
13. Santosh Sharma, son of Late Shyam Sharma, Resident of Village-Dharampur, P.S.-Chandi, District-Nalanda.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Bihar, Patna.
3. The Licensing Officer cum Divisional Forest Officer, Patna Forest Division, Patna.
4. The Licensing Officer cum Divisional Forest Officer, Bhojpur Forest Division, Bhojpur (Ara).
5. The Licensing Officer cum Divisional Forest Officer, Nalanda Forest Division, Biharsharif.
6. The Ranger, Masaurhi-Paliganj Forest Range, Masaurhi, Patna.
7. The Ranger, Bhojpur Forest Range, Bhojpur, Ara.
8. The Ranger, Nalanda Forest Range, Biharsharif.



... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Vinay Mistry, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Prashant Pratap, Government Pleader 2

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK KUMAR SINHA
ORAL ORDER

2 17-06-2025 Heard Mr. Vinay Mistry, learned counsel for the
petitioners and Mr. Prashant Pratap, learned GP-2.

2. With the consent of the parties, the writ petition is
being disposed of at this stage itself.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for
seeking relief as prayed for in the present writ application, the
petitioner has already filed a detailed representation before the
Licensing Officer-cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Patna Forest
Division, Patna on 25.11.2024 (Annexure-P/5) requesting him
not interfere with the operation of 18” diameter Saw Mill. As
per the petitioners, the said representation is still pending and
has not yet been disposed of.

4. The petitioners submit that they would be satisfied
if an appropriate direction is given to the Licensing Officer-
cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Patna Forest Division, Patna to
dispose of their representation on merit within a specified
period.

5. In view of the nature of the prayer being made by
the learned counsel for petitioners, the writ application stands



disposed of directing the Licensing Officer-cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Patna Forest Division, Patna to dispose of the representation dated 25.11.2024 (Annexure-P/5) within a period of eight weeks from the date of production of a copy of this order, in accordance with law.

6. It is made clear that the order disposing of the representation shall be a reasoned and speaking order and shall be passed after giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners.

7. With the aforesaid observation and direction, the present writ petition stands disposed of. All pending Interlocutory application shall also be deemed to have been disposed of.

(Alok Kumar Sinha, J)

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