

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.13278 of 2025

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M/s Shankar Saw Mill Station Road, Athgama, Ghogha, P.S.- Bhagalpur,
District- Bhagalpur a proprietorship firm through its Proprietor Ranju
Mandal, aged about 57 years, female, Wife of Rajesh Kumar Mandal,
Resident of Village- Athgama, P.O.- Ghogha Shankar Khawas, P.S.-
Bhagalpur, District- Bhagalpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. That State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Environment and Forest, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The State Level Committee for Wood-Based Industries, Bihar-cum-Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Bihar, Patna.
3. The Licensing Officer-cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Bhagalpur Forest Division, Bhagalpur.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Vinay Mistry
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Additional Advocate General (7)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 30-10-2025 Heard the parties.

2. The following writ application has been filed on
behalf of the petitioner for the following relief:-

*(i) For issuance of a writ in the nature of
mandamus directing the Respondent No.2-State
Level Committee for Wood-Based Industries, Bihar
to dispose of the representation of the petitioner
dated 05.05.2025 (Annexure-P-4) requesting
therein to grant approval to the Licensing Officer-
Cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Bhagalpur Forest
Division, Bhagalpur to transfer/renew the License
No. 13 of 1996 on the basis of "Sale" in terms of
the Bihar Wood-Based Industries (Establishment &
Regulation) Act, 2025 and the aforesaid
representation is still pending for consideration
before the State Level Committee for Wood-Based
Industries, Bihar, Patna.*



(ii) For issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the Respondent No.3 to accept the renewal license and to duly renew the License No. 13 of 1996 in term of decision of SLC dated 14.01.2025.

(iii) For issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent authorities not to interfere with the operation of saw mill in the facts and circumstances of the case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner shall be satisfied if an order is passed for disposal of annexure IV dated 5.5.2025 which is pending before the respondent no. 02.

4. In view of the above, the respondent no. 2 is directed to dispose of the representation of the petitioner as contained in annexure IV of this writ application within four weeks from the date of communication of a copy of this order by a reasoned order after hearing the petitioner.

5. With the aforesaid direction, this application is disposed of.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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