

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.18541 of 2024

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Shambhu Ram S/o Satyanarayan Ram, Resident of Vilagel- Lal Saraiya, P.S.-
Majhauria, District- West Champaran ... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
 2. The Principal Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
 3. The Divisional Commissioner, Tirhut Division, Muzaffarpur.
 4. The Collector cum District Magistrate, West Champaran at Bettiah.
 5. The Additional Collector cum Additional District Magistrate, West Champaran at Bettiah.
 6. The District Supply Officer, West Champaran at Bettiah.
 7. The Licensing Authority cum Sub Divisional Officer, Bettiah Sadar, Bettiah, District-West Champaran.
 8. The Block Supply Officer, Majhauria Block, Majhauria, Dist-West Champaran.
 9. The Assistant District Supply Officer, Bettiah Sadar, Bettiah, West Champaran.
 10. The Block Supply Officer, Bairiya Block, Bairiya, Dist-West Champaran.
- ... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr.Sanjeev Kumar, Adv.
For the Respondents : Mr.Government Advocate (9)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A. ABHISHEK REDDY
ORAL ORDER

2 16-10-2025 Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

2. Even though, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has argued at length on merits of the case, this Court is not inclined to entertain the present writ petition, having regard to the fact that the petitioner has an alternative and efficacious remedy of preferring a statutory appeal before the District Magistrate-cum-Collector, West Champaran at Bettiah, Respondent No. 4, under Clause 32(3) of



the Bihar Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2016. The present writ petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the District Magistrate-cum-Collector, West Champaran at Bettiah (Respondent No. 4) by way of appeal within a period of two weeks from today. On such appeal being filed, the District Magistrate-cum-Collector, West Champaran at Bettiah (Respondent No. 4) shall consider the same on merits and pass a reasoned orders in accordance with law.

3. It is needless to mention that before passing any order, the authorities concerned shall give an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. The entire exercise shall be completed as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of eight weeks from the date of filing of the appeal by the petitioner. Any order passed shall be communicated to the parties.

4. Accordingly, the present writ petition stands disposed of.

(A. Abhishek Reddy , J)

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