

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.5568 of 2026

Ranjeet Kumar, Proprietor, M/S Laxmi Rice Mill S/o Rajendra Prasad, R/o village- Mal Godam Maya Ram Road, P.O. and P.S.- Khagaria, District-Khagaria.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Bihar State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Patna, Bihar.
2. The Principal Secretary, Co-operative Department, Bihar, Patna.
3. The Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
4. The Registrar, Co-operative Society, Bihar, Patna.
5. The General Manager, Food Corporation of India, Regional Office, Arunachal Bhawan, Exhibition Road, Patna.
6. The Pramukh (General Manager), Finance, Nigam Head Quarter, Patna.
7. The District Manager, Bihar State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Khagaria.
8. The Divisional Commissioner, Munger Division.
9. The District Magistrate, Khagaria.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Advocate.
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Addl. Advocate General (04).
For the BSFC	:	Mr. Shailendra Kumar Singh, Advocate.
		Mr. Utkarsh Utpal, Advocate.
		Ms. Sandhya Singh, Advocate.

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

4 05-05-2026 Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

2. The present Writ Petition has been filed for the following reliefs:-

“(i) For issuance of an appropriate writ/order/direction commanding the respondents to implement the guidelines issued



vide letter No. 3668/Food/Patna dated 16.12.2025 issued by the Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar.

(ii) For issuance of writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to provide opportunity of Non-PACS rice mills including the petitioner's mill for purchase of paddy and supply of Custom Milled Rice (CMR).

(iii) For issuance of appropriate direction restraining the respondents from illegally depriving Non-PACS mills from participation in paddy procurement and milling operations."

3. Without going into the merits or demerits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission with the consent of both the Counsels.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the Government of Bihar has issued the guidelines tagging of the Non-PACS Rice Mills *vide* Letter No. 3668/Food/Patna dated 16.12.2025 (Annexure-P/2). Learned counsel submits that the said guidelines may be followed by the authorities while allotting the paddy and for milling into Custom Milled Rice (CMR).

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondent-BSFC, on the other hand, submits that the paddy procurement season for the year 2025-26 is already over and the last date of paddy procurement was 31st of March, 2026 and now the milling is under process.

6. Having regard to the same, the present writ petition



is disposed of directing the District Magistrate, Khagaria i.e. Respondent No. 9 herein to implement the direction issued by the Government of Bihar *vide* letter No. 3668/Food/Patna dated 16.12.2025 in letter and spirit if any procurement of paddy is yet to be completed.

7. With the above directions, the present writ petition stands disposed of.

(A. Abhishek Reddy, J)

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