

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.11855 of 2019

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Md. Akbar Son of Late Md. Namiruddin Resident of Village-Bhawanipur,
Police Station-Abadpur, District-Katihar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Joint Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
4. The Divisional Commissioner, Purnea Division, Purnea.
5. The District Magistrate, Katihar.
6. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Katihar.
7. The Block Supply Officer, Block-Barsoi, District-Katihar.
8. Md. Saddam Hussain Son of Md. Basiruddin Resident of Village-Bhawanipur, Police Station-Abadpur, District-Katihar.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Md. Rahmatullah
For the Respondent/s : Mr.S. Raza Ahmad (Aag5)

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

Date : 30-06-2026

1. The Writ petition has been filed for the
following reliefs:

*"1. For issuance of writ of
mandamus or any other appropriate
writ, order, orders, direction
commanding the respondent
authorities to select the petitioner
granting licence for P.D.S. shop who
is deserving candidate in terms of*



advertisement for same cancelling the selection of the private respondent granting licence for P.D.S. shop who are inferior candidate and not fulfilling criteria that the petitioner in merit as term and condition laid down in the advertisement.

II. For grant of any other relief or reliefs for which the petitioner may be entitled, deemed fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.”

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. It is needless to mention that before passing any order the petitioner should be given a fair opportunity for hearing.

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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