IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.14230 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC010918472026

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Mathura Prasad Service Station HP situated at PO Mehendia, P.S. Mehendia, District Arwal through its proprietor Sri Mathura Prasad, male, aged about 60 years, son of Sakhichand Ram, resident of Arwal Sipah ward no. 06, Post Mehendia, P.S. Mehendia, District Arwal.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The Union of India through Principal Secretary, Petroleum Department, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
2. M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited through its Managing Director, 17, Jamshedji Tata Road, Mumbai 400020.
3. The Managing Director, M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, 17, Jamshedji Tata Road, Mumbai 400020
4. The Chief General Manager-Retail, M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Patna Zone, 6th Floor, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Bhawan, Dak Bunglow Chowk, Patna -800001.
5. The Chief Regional Manager, M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, 6th Floor, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Bhawan, Dak Bunglow Chowk, Patna -800001.

... ... Respondent/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Pramod Kumar, Adv.
For the HPCL : Mr. Neeraj Kumar Gupta, Adv.
Ms. Shubhangi Kumari, Adv.
For the UOI : Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Adv.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GIRIJISH KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

2 29-10-2026 Heard learned counsel, Mr. Pramod Kumar appearing on behalf of the petitioner and learned counsel, Mr. Neeraj Kumar Gupta, appearing on behalf of HPCL as well as learned counsel, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, appearing on behalf of UOI.

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

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3. In the present writ application, the petitioner has prayed for grant of following reliefs;

> *"1. That the present writ application is being filed on behalf of the petitioner above named for issuance of a writ of mandamus seeking direction to respondent Corporation to restore the dealership of petroleum dispensing unit situated at Mehendia in the district of Arwal in favour of the petitioner, in view of the fact that termination order dated 14.09.2017 has been declared illegal vide award dated 17.11.2021 passed by Arbitrator in Arbitration case no. 04/2020 and the same has been duly affirmed by order and decision dated 27.05.2026 passed in Misc. (Arbitration) Case no. 18/2022 and for any other writ/writs, order/orders which the petitioner may found to be entitled in the facts and circumstances of the case."*

4. During the course of argument, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner may be permitted to file a fresh representation before the respondent No. 5 i.e. The Chief Regional Manager, M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, 6th Floor, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Bhawan, Dak Bunglow Chowk, Patna and appropriate direction may be issued to dispose of the same within a fixed time frame, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

5. To the aforesaid prayer being made by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, learned counsel

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appearing on behalf of the respondent does not have any objection.

6. Considering the limited nature of prayer being made by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, this writ application is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to file a fresh representation/application before the respondent No. 5 i.e. The Chief Regional Manager, M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, 6th Floor, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Bhawan, Dak Bunglow Chowk, Patna within fifteen (15) days from today and if such a representation/application is filed within the stipulated time then the respondent No. 5 i.e. The Chief Regional Manager, M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, 6th Floor, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Bhawan, Dak Bunglow Chowk, Patna is directed to dispose of the same within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the representation/application, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

7. Needless to emphasize that the final order which shall be passed by respondent No. 5 i.e. The Chief Regional Manager, M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, 6th Floor, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Bhawan, Dak Bunglow Chowk, Patna should be a reasoned and speaking order.

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8. This Court has not expressed any opinion on the merit of the case.

9. With the aforesaid observation/direction and liberty granted, this writ application is disposed of.

10. All pending interlocutory application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(Girijish Kumar, J)

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