

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.20515 of 2025

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M/s National Timber Saw Mill Chhoti- Soraiya Bujurg, P.S.- Nanpur, District- Sitamarhi a proprietorship Firm through its Proprietor Sunita Devi, aged about 41 years- (Female), Wife of Raju Sah, Resident of Village- Chhoti- Soraiya Bujurg, P.S.- Nanpur, District- Sitamarhi.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, 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, Sitamarhi Forest Division, Sitamarhi.
4. Md. Israfil Ansari, Son of Md. Habib Ansari Resident of Village- Mujoulia, P.S.- Parihar, District- Sitamarhi.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Vinay Mistry, Adv.
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Government Pleader (19)
	:	Mr. Swapnil Kumar Singh, AC to GP19

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

3 15-07-2026 Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The present writ petition has been filed for the
following relief(s):-

“(i) For issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the State Level Committee for Wood-Based Industries to dispose of the representation of the petitioner dated 07.08.2025 (Annexure-P-4) filed by the petitioner to grant approval to the Licensing Officer for transfer of license on the basis of Sale in favour of the petitioner in terms of Section 11(1) of the Bihar Wood-Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2025.

“(ii) For issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent



authorities not to interfere with the operation of saw mill till such time the matter is finally decided by the State Level Committee for Wood-Based Industries, Bihar, Patna in the facts and circumstances of the case. (iii) For issuance of other writ (s), order(s), direction(s) as your Lordships may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.”

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 petitioner has given a representation/ complaint dated 07.08.2025 (Annexure-P/4) to the respondent No. 02 herein who is the competent authority and it would suffice if a direction is given to the said authority to consider the said representation and pass necessary orders by fixing a time-frame.

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State submits that the representation given by the petitioner may not be available in the office of the respondent No. 02 herein at this point of time. That the petitioner may be directed to give a fresh representation to the representation No. 02 herein and the same shall be dealt with in accordance with law

6. Having regard to the above made submissions,



the present writ petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to file a fresh representation/ complaint before the respondent No. 02 herein within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. It is needless to mention that before passing any orders, the petitioner shall be given an opportunity of hearing. The entire exercise shall be completed as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of six weeks thereof. Any orders passed shall be communicated to the party.

8. With the above direction, the present writ petition stands disposed of.

(A. Abhishek Reddy, J)

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