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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 4098 of 2023

Jai Ma Durga Women Self Help Group Through President Smt. Satrupa Bai W/o Gouri Lal Aged About-48 Years President Of Jai Ma Durga Women Self Help Group-Sanjaygram R/o Village-Sanjaygram Tahsil-Sargaon, District Jangir-Champa (C.G.)

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through-The Secretary, Department Of Food And Civil Supply Mahanadi Bhawan New Raipur District Raipur (C.G.)

2 - The Collector (Food Department) Janjgir-Champa, District-Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

3 - The Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue) Champa District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

4 - The Food Inspector Bamhanidih District-Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

5 - Manager Sewa Sahkari Samiti-Choriya Registration No. 752 Choriya-Tahsil-Sargaon, District-Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

... Respondent(s)

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For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. AN Pandey, Advocate
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Anway Tiwari, Panel Lawyer

SB: Hon’ble Mr. Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad

Order on Board

28/10/2026

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the President of Jai Ma Durga Women Self-Help Group, a duly registered entity located in Village Sanjaygram, Tahsil Sargaon, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) Pursuant to the applicable government scheme and upon fulfilling all prescribed conditions, Respondent No. 3 allotted a Fair Price Shop to the petitioner's group vide order dated 30.04.2007 (Annexure P/3), which has since been operated regularly without any complaint. However, based solely on online server logs, Respondent No. 4 submitted an inspection report alleging a deficit of essential food grains, leading Respondent No. 3 to issue a show cause notice dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P/4). Although the petitioner submitted a detailed reply dated 04.07.2023 (Annexure P/5) clarifying that no shortage existed and requesting an actual physical verification of the stock, Respondent No. 3 passed the impugned order without considering the reply or conducting any physical inspection. He submits that similar nature of prayer made by petitioners in WPC No. 683/2023, came to be disposed of vide order dated 5.5.2026 directing the concerned authority to conclude the proceedings within the stipulated time and till then, order of status quo has been passed, hence, similar direction may be issued in this petition as well.

2. Learned counsel for the respondents would not oppose the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

3. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the documents annexed with the petition.

4. Considering the provision under Clause 16(1) of the Control Order, 2016, which prescribe a time period of 3 months for concluding the proceedings, respondent No.3/SDO (Revenue) is directed to conclude the proceedings in terms of Clause 16(1) within a further period of 30 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, while giving opportunity of hearing to the petitoner.

5. It is further directed that till the proceedings before the concerned SDO (Revenue) are concluded, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner, in terms of the interim order dated 14.9.2023 passed by this Court.

6. With the aforesaid observations/directions, the Writ Petition is finally disposed of.

Sd/-

(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)
Judge

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