

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (P.I.L.) No. 171 of 2012

Court on its own Motion Petitioner

Versus

State of Jharkhand & Ors. Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE JAYA ROY**

For the Petitioner : Mr. Piyush Poddar, Amicus Curiae

For the Respondents : J.C. to A.G.

Order No.06

Dated, 16th January, 2013

After going through the affidavit filed by the respondents we are of the considered opinion that the fact of taking sample of the food articles to find out whether they are adulterated food articles or not is not satisfactory.

Learned counsel may address on the issue whether only Food Inspector can take the sample and if only Food Inspector can take sample, then it will be strange that for Jamshedpur, Seriaikella-Kharsawan as well as part of Deoghar only one Food Inspector is there whereas the distance between Jamshedpur and Seriaikella-Kharsawan which may be 25-30 Kms., however, Deoghar is 250 Kms. and one Food Inspector is looking part of Deoghar, Hazaribagh and Ranchi. Total Food Inspectors are seven in the entire State of Jharkhand. The total samples taken are 850 from the entire State of Jharkhand.

The matter requires serious consideration. Learned counsel for the State Government may assist the Court after full preparation so as to find out what are the steps which are immediately required to be taken because this Court has taken

cognizance of the issue on its own motion. The adulteration is now the biggest poison administered to all the persons irrespective of their age, whether they are old and sick, young or children and thereby giving slow poison to the next generation and future of India.

Put up on 12th February, 2013.

Copy of the order be given to the learned counsel for the State.

(Prakash Tatia, C. J.)

(Jaya Roy , J.)