

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P. (PIL) No. 171 of 2012

Court on its Own Motion

... .. Petitioner

Versus

State of Jharkhand & Ors.

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Respondents

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

For the Petitioner : Mr. Piyus Poddar, Amicus Curiae

For the Respondent-State : J.C. to A.G.

Order No. 07

Dated : 2nd April, 2013

The State is directed to state whether thirteen samples which were sent to Mineral Area Development Authority (MADA) for test, the reports have been received or not about the adulteration in the milk food product.

It appears from the earlier affidavit of the State dated 02.02.2012 that in the year 2011, 850 establishments have been inspected and in 51 cases, cases have been instituted in the Court of C.J.M., in different Districts.

The State is directed to submit report with respect to the year 2012, how many establishments have been inspected and samples taken about the food articles, how many materials have been sent to the laboratory for test and how many reports have been received and in how many cases food samples were found adulterated and cases have been instituted.

In the affidavit filed by the State on 11.02.2013 it has been stated that in addition to 4, Food Safety Officers of the Government department 7, Food Safety Officers of MADA have been deputed and posted in different District vide order dated 27.12.2012 i.e., after entertaining this Writ Petition. It is also stated that 29 additional posts of Food Safety Officers have been sanctioned and process of creation of the post is pending. The State may disclose by what time Food Safety Officers will be appointed.

We are making it clear that though we do not have any mechanism to know about the problems of food adulteration in the State of Jharkhand but we take judicial notice of this fact of rampant food adulteration. The concerned offices and Officers are

directed to take up the matter seriously otherwise Court will have to pass orders and there will be surprise check of the food stuffs under the supervision of the persons appointed by the Court. The details up to 31.12.2012 with respect to the fact mentioned above be submitted.

Put up this case on 22.04.2013.

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

(Prakash Tatia, C.J.)

(Jaya Roy, J.)