

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P. (PIL) No. 171 of 2012

Court on its own Motion	...	Petitioner
-Versus-		
The State of Jharkhand & ors.	...	Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D. N. PATEL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RATNAKER BHENGRA

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Piyush Poddar, Amicus Curiae
For the State	:	Mr. Jai Prakash, A.A.G.

26/Dated: 23rd June, 2015

Oral Order

Per D.N. Patel, J.:

1. Having heard learned counsels for both the sides, it appears that since last several months Medical Officers are performing the duties of the Food Officers or Food Safety Officers under the Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006.
2. This is nothing, but, lethargic approach of the State. Already an order has been passed by this Court in the year 2014. Likewise the State authority has also filed an affidavit in the year 2014 that arrangement is going on. The posts have been sanctioned, but, no appointment has been made on the posts of the Commissioner, Designated Officer, Food Safety Officer and Food Analyst. It appears that the State of Jharkhand has no will and desire to appoint such officers. The work of Food Inspector is being done through the Medical Officers. We, therefore, direct the Principal Secretary, Department of Health, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi to remain personally present before this Court on the next date of hearing at 10:30 a.m. or he may depute a responsible officer, who is well conversant with the facts of the case, but, not lesser than the rank of the Deputy Secretary, to remain personally present before this Court on the next date of hearing at 10:30 a.m.
3. The matter is adjourned to be listed on 29th June, 2015.

(D.N. Patel, J.)

(Ratnaker Bhengra, J.)