

  
**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT  
JODHPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 4256/2026

Suresh Chandra Sharma S/o Chhoga Lal Sharma, Aged About 52 Years, R/o Brahmano Ka Mohalla, Palri, Bhilwara, Palri, Arjiya, Bhilwara, Rajasthan 311011.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through The District Collector, Bhilwara.
2. District Supply Officer, Bhilwara, Rajasthan.

-----Respondents

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| For Petitioner(s) | : | Mr. Surendra Thanvi |
| For Respondent(s) | : | --                  |

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**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP MATHUR**

**Order**

**23/02/2026**

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been running a fair price shop at Telikheda, Paldi-Suvana, District Bhilwara. He drew the attention of this Court to the guidelines issued for the creation of a new fair price shop in the same locality.
2. Learned counsel further submitted that, as per the prevailing guidelines, where the number of ration card holders in a particular locality exceeds 500, the respondents may proceed to divide/split the ration card holders by creating or establishing a new fair price shop.
3. Learned counsel clarified that the petitioner's fair price shop presently has only 420 ration card holders enrolled under the National Food Security Act, 2013. However, by artificially inflating

the said number to more than 700, the respondents have issued an advertisement/order dated 04.02.2026 for the establishment of a new fair price shop by carving it out of the petitioner's existing shop.

4. Learned counsel submitted that the action of the respondents is not only illegal and arbitrary but also violative of the Government policy (Annexure-3).

5. The matter requires consideration.

6. Issue notice. Issue notice of the stay application as well.

7. In the meanwhile, and until the next date of hearing, the respondents may proceed with the advertisement/order dated 04.02.2026 and complete the formalities for establishment of a new shop at Serial No. 22, i.e., Telikheda, Paldi-Suvana, District Bhilwara. However, no licence for the new fair price shop in the aforesaid locality shall be issued without the permission of this Court.

**(KULDEEP MATHUR),J**