

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE VIVEK RUSIA

&

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE PRADEEP MITTAL

ON THE 11th OF MAY, 2026

WRIT APPEAL No. 2762 of 2025

ABHISHEK SINGH PATEL AND OTHERS

Versus

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Azad Krishna Bais - Advocate for the appellants.

Shri Ritvik Parasar - Government Advocate for the respondents/State.

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WITH

WRIT APPEAL No. 1908 of 2024

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS

Versus

SHIVA KASTOR AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.

Shri Azad Krishna Bais - Advocate for the respondents.

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WRIT APPEAL No. 2610 of 2024

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS

Versus

VIJAY KUMAR JAIN AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.

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WRIT APPEAL No. 2611 of 2024

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS
Versus
GOPAL SINGH AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.
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WRIT APPEAL No. 179 of 2025

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS
Versus
ROSHAN LAL AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.
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WRIT APPEAL No. 780 of 2025

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS
Versus
KHEMCHAND PATEL AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.
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WRIT APPEAL No. 781 of 2025

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS
Versus
KANCHEDI PATEL AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.
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WRIT APPEAL No. 782 of 2025

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS
Versus
PANKAJ PRATAP SINGH AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.
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WRIT APPEAL No. 783 of 2025

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS

Versus

MOHIT PATEL AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.

Shri Santosh Sahu - Advocate for the respondents.
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WRIT APPEAL No. 784 of 2025

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS

Versus

SANTOSH KURMI AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.
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WRIT APPEAL No. 785 of 2025

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS

Versus

SURESH PATEL AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.
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WRIT APPEAL No. 786 of 2025

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND OTHERS

Versus

DAYASHANKAR KHARE AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.
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WRIT APPEAL No. 787 of 2025

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS

Versus

KESHAV RAM PATEL AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.

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WRIT APPEAL No. 788 of 2025

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS

Versus

KHARAGARAM AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.

Shri Santosh Sahu - Advocate for the respondents.

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WRIT APPEAL No. 256 of 2026

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS

Versus

BALI RAM KUSUMYA AND OTHERS

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Appearance:

Shri Ritwik Parashar - Government Advocate for the appellants/State.

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ORDER

Per. Justice Vivek Rusia

The issue involved in these writ appeals are common, thus they are being decided by this common order.

2. The Writ Appeal No.2762/2025 is filed against the order dated 30.06.2025 (Annexure A/6), whereby the writ petition has been dismissed solely on the ground that the petitioner, before approaching this Court, had already approached the District Consumer Redressal Forum for the similar relief.

3. All the other writ appeals are filed by the State of Madhya Pradesh impugning respective orders passed in the writ petitions filed by the respondents farmers, whereby the writ petitions were allowed and direction was issued to the State to release the balance of Minimum Support Price to

the farmers along with interest @ 6% per annum from the date of sale till the payment. First of these cases was Writ Petition No.17079 of 2019 (*Gopal Singh & Ors. Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh & Ors.*), wherein a learned Single Judge of this Court directed that no fault could be attributed to the farmers and looking into the position that the produce i.e., Urad Dal was sold during the year 2018-2019, there was no ground for the Authorities to deny payment of the Minimum Support Price fixed by the State Government in accordance with the guidelines for price support scheme. The judgment in the case of *Gopal Singh (supra)* was followed in subsequent cases.

4. Learned counsel for the farmers fairly submits that the farmers do not come under the category of consumer. Therefore, under the ill-advice by their counsel, they wrongly approached the forum. They are also entitled for the similar relief, which has been granted to the other similarly placed farmers in various writ petitions.

5. These appellants are illiterate farmers. Under the wrong advice, they approached the consumer forum. Therefore, now they cannot be compelled to approach the appellate forum, because admittedly, the consumer forum has no jurisdiction in this matter.

6. Hence, impugned order dated 30.06.2025 (Annexure A/6) is set aside. The relief claimed in this petition is hereby granted as has been granted to other farmers in their bunch of writ petitions.

7. In view of above, the Writ Appeal No.2762/2025 is allowed. No order as to costs. W.A. No.1908/2024, W.A. No.2610/2024, W.A. No.2611/2024, W.A. No.179/2025, W.A. No.780/2025, W.A. No.781/2025,

W.A. No.782/2025, W.A. No.783/2025, W.A. No.784/2025, W.A. No.785/2025, W.A. No.786/2025, W.A. No.787/2025, W.A. No.788/2025 and W.A. No.256/2026 are dismissed in terms of order passed in Writ Appeal No.2762/2025.

(VIVEK RUSIA)
JUDGE

(PRADEEP MITTAL)
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