

CWP No. 10552 of 2015

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: May 25, 2015

Ranjan Rice Mills

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI

Present: Mr. Onkar Singh Batalvi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI, J. (Oral):

It is the grievance of the petitioner that despite the petitioner-Mill having the capacity of shell six tones of the paddy but it is being proportionately allotted less paddy than the other mills in Dasuya. In support of this contention, counsel places reliance upon the information supplied to the petitioner under the Right to Information Act, 2005, by the District Controller, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Hoshiarpur, dated 18.06.2014 (Annexure P-4). Counsel contends that the petitioner had been approaching the respondents highlighting the said grievance but no remedial steps have been taken by them. Reliance has also been placed upon the policy issued by the State of Punjab dated 01.10.2012 (Annexure P-2) which requires the allotment of paddy to the rice mills as per their capacity.

Counsel for the petitioner states that the liberty may be

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granted to the petitioner to file a detailed representation to the Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Department of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Punjab-respondent No.2 highlighting the grievance of the petitioner and supporting the same on the basis of the information received under the Right of Information Act, 2005, within a period of 15 days from today. He states that a direction may be issued to the Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Department of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Punjab-respondent No.2 to consider and decide the same within some specified time.

In the light of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioner, without going into merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present writ petition is disposed with liberty to the petitioner to file a detailed representation to the Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Department of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Punjab-respondent No.2 within a period of 15 days from today. If such a representation is made, the same shall be considered and decided by Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Department of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Punjab-respondent No.2 within a period of four weeks from the date of submission of such representation. The decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioner forthwith.

May 25, 2015
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE