

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.12819 of 2015

Date of Decision: July 27, 2015

Sh. Vinod Chadha

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Gaurav Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

It is the contention of the counsel for the petitioner that the respondents are not clearing up food grains, which are stored in 3rd Milestone, village Kadgill, Jandiala Road, District Tarn Taran, to which place the petitioner belongs. He contends that the food grains are being stored adjacent to the village and the same have not been maintained as per the National Food Security Act, 2013 (Annexure P-2) rather in total violation thereof. The stocked food grains because of not having been cleared in time are rotting because of which foul smell is being emitted and it may lead to spread of various diseases in the area. Not only the food grains are being wasted despite the fact that there are so many people in the country, who sleep hungry, but the life of the people around specially the villagers is at risk.

Petitioner has been approaching the respondents time and again and also submitted representations, one of which is dated 21.01.2015 (Annexure P-4), which has been addressed to the Principle Secretary,

Department of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affair, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh; The Managing Director, PUNGRAIN, Jeevandeep Building, Sector-17, Chandigarh; The Managing Director, Food Corporation of India, 16-20, Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi-110001 and The Deputy Commissioner, Near Grain Market, Distt. Tarn Taran-respondents 1, 2, 3 and 6.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner at this stage would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondents 1, 2, 3 and 6, to consider and decide the representation of the petitioner dated 21.01.2015 (Annexure P-4) within some specified time.

In the light of the submissions made by counsel for the petitioner, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions to Secretary, Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh; Managing Director, Food Corporation of India, 16-20, Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi; Managing Director, Punjab Grains Procurement Corporation Limited (PUNGRAIN), Jeevandeep Building, Sector-17, Chandigarh and Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran, DC Office near Grain Market, District Tarn Taran-respondents 1, 2, 3 and 6 respectively, to decide the representation of the petitioner dated 21.01.2015 (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate steps/corrective measures within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

July 27, 2015
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE