

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Date of Decision: 08.07.2015

C.W.P.No.13413 of 2015

Premier Security and Man Power Services Sonapat ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana & others ...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT GUPTA
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL**

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Present: Mr. Chanakya Pandit, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HEMANT GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

Challenge in the present writ petition is to the award of contract of out-sourcing of services of Chowkidars / Watch & Wards Staff for proper upkeep safety and health of the stored wheat at different storage point to multiple agencies.

The grievance of the petitioner is that notice inviting tender uses a 'singular' expression, therefore, contract could be awarded only to one firm, whereas in violation of the conditions so published, the contract has been awarded to multiple agencies. It is also pointed out that award of contract to one firm is past practice as well.

We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and find no merit in the present petition. In terms of Section 13 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, the 'singular' expression includes plural as well. The notice

inviting tender does not prohibit grant of contract of engaging Chowkidars / Watch & Wards Staff to multiple agencies. The award of contract to multiple agencies does not violate any of the right of the petitioner, which may entitle it to invoke the extra ordinary writ jurisdiction of this Court.

Consequently, the present writ petition is dismissed.

(HEMANT GUPTA)
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