

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Civil Writ Petition No. 5559 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision : 25.03.2015

Rakesh Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

The State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Kulwant Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Hemant Gupta, J.

The petitioner has invoked writ jurisdiction of this Court, *inter alia*, for the reason that the respondents be directed to issue Letter of Acceptance of his highest bid for toll collection of Kaithal-Khanauri road. The assertion of the petitioner is that he is highest bidder but without communicating any decision on the bid offered by him, previous contractor is being permitted to continue with the collection of toll though his contract period has expired.

We are of the opinion that mere submission of the offer does not create any right in favour of the petitioner. The respondents are at liberty for good and reasonable reasons not to accept the highest bid. Such a view is taken by Full Bench of this Court in **Subhash Chand versus State of Haryana and others** AIR 2007 Punjab and Haryana 167.

In view of the said fact, we do not find that the petitioner can be permitted to claim issuance of letter of allotment in pursuance to the bid given by him, in response to the notice inviting tender.

We have no doubt that the respondents shall take a final decision in accordance with law expeditiously. But we do not find that the petitioner has made out any ground for interference of writ jurisdiction of this Court at this stage.

The present writ petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

(Hemant Gupta)
Judge

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

March 25, 2015
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