

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.5650 of 2015

Date of Decision: March 26, 2015

Vinod Kumar and others

...Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Bhag Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

It is the contention of the counsel for the petitioners, who are the cane growers and had supplied their cane to the Naraingarh Sugar Mills Limited-respondent No.5, have not been made the payment of the sugarcane supplied, within the stipulated period of 14 days as per the requirement of law. They have been approaching the Cane Commissioner, Haryana-respondent No.3 as also the Deputy Commissioner, Ambala, highlighting their grievances to them, but no steps have been taken by them for release of the claim of the petitioners. Faced with this situation, they were forced to serve a notice through counsel dated 09.02.2015 (Annexure P-1), which although has been processed to some extent, but without any result. Counsel thus contends that the petitioners, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondents 3 and 4 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 09.02.2015 (Annexure P-1) within some specified time and take appropriate steps for release of the price of cane to the petitioners.

In view of the submissions made by the counsel for the

petitioners, without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present petition is disposed of with directions to the Cane Commissioner, Haryana-respondent No.3 and Deputy Commissioner-respondent No.4, to take a decision on the notice dated 09.02.2015 (Annexure P-1) within a period of one week. In case the claim of the petitioners is found to be correct, further steps in accordance with law, be forthwith initiated so that the petitioners are released the price of cane at the earliest and in any case not beyond four weeks thereafter. Although the requirement as per law for release of price is within 14 days from the date of supply of sugarcane.

March 26, 2015*Puneet***(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**