

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

LPA No. 1362 of 2015 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION : 17.09.2015

Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh

.... APPELLANT

Versus

Smt. Karun Bala and others

.... RESPONDENTS

CORAM :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH KUMAR MITTAL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHAVIR S. CHAUHAN

Present : Mr. Vikas Singh, Advocate, for the appellant.

SATISH KUMAR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh has filed this appeal under Clause X of the Letters Patent against the interim order dated 26.08.2015 passed by the learned Single Judge in Civil Writ Petition No. 24161 of 2012 filed by Smt. Karun Bala and 19 others (respondents herein).

The interim order dated 26.08.2015 reads as under :-

“Learned State counsel submitted that State has taken a decision to release ₹ 6 crores per month to the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation. Such a decision was taken on 11.8.2015. The State is directed to release ₹ 6 crores per month w.e.f. 1.10.2015. The amount received by the Warehousing Corporation shall be released to the petitioners in partial. Such payment should be made after receipt of the money from the State within 15 days thereafter.

List this matter on 7.10.2015.

At this stage, it is learnt that State has released ₹ 6 crore for the month of August, 2015 to the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation. When things stood thus, the third respondent has failed to make submission in receipt of ₹ 6 crore. Thus, the third respondent-Warehousing Corporation is directed to release 25% of the dues to the petitioners within a week from today failing which the Warehousing Corporation is liable to pay cost of ₹ 10,000/- to each of the petitioners. The Managing Director of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation is present today in the Court. He has taken note of the aforesaid order. He should take necessary action to see that the amount is paid to each of the petitioners. The presence of Managing Director is dispensed with on the next date of hearing. Copy of this order is made available to the Senior Standing counsel for third respondent-Warehousing Corporation immediately.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.”

After hearing learned counsel for the appellant, we do not find any ground to interfere with the aforesaid order passed by the learned Single Judge. Vide order dated 26.08.2015, on a statement made by learned State counsel that the State has decided to release ₹ 6 crores per month to the appellant Corporation, the appellant Corporation was directed to release 25% of the dues to the petitioners in the writ petition (respondents herein) within a week from the date of the order, after receiving the amount from the State.

As far as the appellant Corporation is concerned, it has been

directed to make payment only in case it receives the grant from the State. Therefore, the obligation on the appellant Corporation to make the payment arises only if it gets the amount from the State. We are of the opinion that the appellant Corporation has no grouse. However, any payment made by the appellant Corporation shall be subject to the final outcome of the writ petition.

As a one time measure, we extend the time to make payment in terms of the impugned order for one week from today.

Appeal is, thus, disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(SATISH KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE

September 17, 2015
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(MAHAVIR S. CHAUHAN)
JUDGE