

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Civil Writ Petition No.878 of 2016

Date of Decision:15.01.2016

Gurjit Singh

....petitioner

Versus

Food Corporation of India

.....respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.J.VAZIFDAR, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI**

Present: Mr.Atul Lakhanpal, Senior Advocate with
Mr.Devender Dutta, Advocate
for the petitioner

S.J.VAZIFDAR, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE (ORAL):

The petitioner alleges that though the technical bids were opened on or about 01.01.2016, the respondents are deliberately not evaluating the bids in order to ensure that one of the bidders, who is presently carrying on the work, continues to do so, as it is possible that that bidder's bid is not responsive.

We express no opinion on the merits of the matter. However, it is necessary for the respondent to evaluate the bids or to take a decision in the matter including as to whether or not to proceed with the tender process. The failure to do so expeditiously, would only indicate that the petitioner's allegation is well founded. The petitioner has already made a representation in this regard by his letter dated 04.01.2016 (Annexure P4). The respondents are directed to take a decision on the above issues latest by 31.01.2016. If for some peculiar reason, the respondents are unable to take a decision in the matter by 31.01.2016, the petitioner shall forthwith, on receipt of a copy of this order, make an application to the Court in this petition itself for vacating or modifying this order.

The petition stands disposed of.

**(S.J. VAZIFDAR)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE**

January 15, 2016