

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

**CWP-PIL No.1047 of 2018
Date of Decision :17.12.2018**

Panna Devi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE**

Present : Mr. Nitesh Singhi, Advocate for the petitioner.

KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral):

Petitioner is a miller, aggrieved and has approached this Court, praying for following relief in a Public Interest Litigation which read as under:-

- 1) “Civil writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India cum Pubic Interest Litigation, praying for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus or any other appropriate writ or order for directing the respondents to follow the Government Policy/Policies/Directions/Guidelines issued time to time by the competent authorities of Government (Annexure P-5), in the strict manner and not to violate the issued Policies/Directions and Guidelines, with regard to the allotment of paddy to the Rice millers in State of Punjab by the procurement agencies, in the interest of the General Public/Millers, in the interest of justice.**
- 2) To stay the allotment of Paddy to the rice millers in the area of Kila Raipur and other parts of Punjab, where the**

Procurement agencies are allotting paddy to the millers, without following the guidelines/policies issued by the Government of Punjab time to time, which can also cause huge loss to the Government in case of any default by any miller, in the interest of justice.

- 3) It is further prayer for the issuing appropriate directions to the State of Punjab (respondent No.1)/Machinery to look into the matter and to punish all the delinquent officials, who do not obey the Government Policies/guidelines/direction issued time to time for the allotment of paddy to the millers and allot the paddy to the miller in violation of the Government Policies/guidelines/direction, just to give benefits to some of the millers in the State and directions may kindly be given to the State machinery to investigate the matter by some Special Investigation team or through the Higher Police Officials, in the interest of justice”.

She being a miller it is a private interest litigation, hence, the relief prayed for cannot be granted in a Public Interest Litigation.

The petition accordingly stands dismissed.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

17.12.2018

Manoj Bhutani

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No