

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

**CWP No.18142 of 2019
Date of decision: 08.07.2019**

Varun

... Petitioner

Versus

Food Corporation of India and others

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Alok Mittal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (Oral)

By means of this petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner has challenged the rejection of his technical bid.

Undisputedly, one of the essential requirements under the tender notice was to supply the PAN number and also to upload copy of the same. Admittedly, while filling e-tender form, the petitioner did mention his PAN number, but as a matter of fact failed to upload the PAN card. On this ground, he was held to be technically non-responsive.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that this was not the essential condition as such the rejection of his technical bid was erroneous. We are not impressed with this submission. The requirement in the tender notice clearly spelled out and placed an obligation on the applicant not only to fill the PAN card number but also to upload the PAN card itself so that proper verification of the same could have been done. Since the petitioner

was callous enough not to upload his PAN card and only to fill the PAN number, we find no illegality in the action taken by the respondent holding his bid to be technically non-responsive.

In the wake of the above, no interference is required in the matter and the petition accordingly stands dismissed.

(Krishna Murari)
Chief Justice

(Arun Palli)
Judge

08.07.2019
Rajan

Whether speaking / reasoned:	YES
Whether Reportable:	NO