

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

CWP-(PIL)-168-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 11.09.2019

Chandi Ram

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Parveen Kumar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (ORAL)

This Public Interest Litigation has been filed seeking the following main reliefs:-

(i) Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents No. 1 to 4 to stop the supply of commodities i.e. wheat, bazra, sugar, oil etc. under Public Distribution System (PDS) to private respondents No. 5 to 24, who happen to be the various depot holders under the PDS and who under the garb of PDS are embezzling the commodities and selling the same in open market, which is otherwise meant for needy and poor people and causing the loss to public exchequer. In pursuance thereof the supply of commodities to private respondents No. 5 to 24 may kindly be stopped during the pendency of the present Civil Writ Petition before this Hon'ble Court in the interest of justice.

(ii) Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents No. 1 to 4 to cancel the Depot Licence of private respondents No. 5 to 24 in order to curb the corruption in the PDS system.

(iii) Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents No. 1 to 4 to recover the amount so usurped by private respondents No. 5 to 24 who by embezzling the commodities sold the same in open market.

(iv) Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents No. 1 to 4 to make available the Hard Copy of Ration Card to its beneficiaries in order to eliminate the chance of forged inclusion of fictitious names in their rations cards.

(v) Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents No. 1 to 4 to bring the record pertaining to old ration cards existing prior to July 2017 within the area of respondents No. 5 to 24 and compilation of the whole database with respect to District Karnal on the basis of which the online ration card was prepared i.e. the list prior to July, 2017.

(vi) Issue an appropriate order or direction for its CBI inquiry as the Hon'ble Court may deem fit in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case, may kindly be issued.

2. For the aforesaid reliefs, which are being claimed in this petition, there are large number of remedies available such as making a complaint with the respondent-authorities with respect to alleged irregularities being carried out by respondents No. 5 to 24. From the pleadings, we find that the petitioner has already made a set of complaints in respect of their functioning before various authorities.

3. In view of the above facts and circumstances, while declining to interfere in the matter, at this stage, we leave it open to the petitioner to pursue his remedy before the concerned authorities.

4. The writ petition accordingly stands dismissed.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

11.09.2019

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