

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-21460-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 14.08.2019

Ashwani Kumar

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Petitioner in person.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Mr. Ashwani Kumar petitioner appears in person and has been heard.

A Writ of Mandamus is sought for directing official respondents no.1 to 3 to provide protection to the petitioner as also his employees for purposes of execution of a Handling and Transportation Contract (H&T Contract) of food grains and allied material at Central Warehouse, Ropar.

It has been submitted that petitioner is a Labour Contractor and is carrying out his business activities in the State of Punjab for lifting of food grains from different warehouses and grain markets etc. Petitioner had submitted his tender for the H&T Contract for handling of food grains and allied material at Central Warehouse, Ropar and the work order was allotted vide letter dated 3.8.2019. The period of contract is for a period of two years and extendable for a further period of three months at the discretion of the Central Warehousing Corporation. As per petitioner he has to commence his work within a period of one week i.e. by 11.8.2019.

The grievance raised in the petition is that the petitioner having approached the local labour contractors for hiring the manual labour, all the

labour contractors have united and formed a cartel and started dictating terms to the petitioner and started demanding exorbitant rates. Such a situation forced the petitioner to procure his own labour from outside of Ropar. This has infuriated the local labour contractors and who have started extending threats to the petitioner as also the labours that he has engaged. It is under such circumstances that the instant writ petition has been filed.

Petitioner submits that the local police officials of City Ropar have also been approached in terms of a written request dated 6.8.2019 (Annexures P-2/P-3).

Having heard petitioner at length, having perused the pleadings on record and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the same with a direction to respondent no.3 to look into the matter against the backdrop of the representation(s) dated 6.8.2019 (Annexure P-2/P-3) and to thereafter take steps as he may deem fit and as warranted in accordance with law.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No