

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-26867-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 20.09.2019

Dhanesar Rice Mills

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Sanjiv Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, A.A.G., Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Petitioner-rice mill seeks a Mandamus for issuance of directions to the official respondents under the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs to consider its claim for allotment of paddy for purposes of custom milling pertaining to Paddy Season 2019-2020.

An advance copy of the writ paper book already stands served upon the State of Punjab.

Learned State counsel apprises the Court that the Custom Milling Policy, 2019-2020 was notified on 16.9.2019. As per time frame envisaged thereunder the registration of the rice millers for purposes of allocation of paddy is 20.9.2019. Upon scrutiny of the applications the list of eligible rice millers/defaulters etc. is to be put up on 24.9.2019. Thereafter, upon consideration of objections/scrutiny the final date for entering into contracts is 30.9.2019.

On a specific query having been put, counsel for the petitioner would concede that an application as of date has not been filed as per the notified Custom Milling Policy dated 16.9.2019.

In view of the afore-noticed uncontroverted factual premise the Writ of Mandamus as prayed for in the instant petition cannot be issued.

Writ petition, accordingly, is disposed of.

It would, however, be open for the petitioner rice mill to submit an application for allotment of paddy for custom milling as per Custom Milling Policy notified on 16.9.2019 and in the eventuality of the same being done, such application would be processed and dealt with in accordance with law.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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