

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

CWP-30389-2019

Date of decision: 19.10.2019

Satpal Singh

.....Petitioners.

vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents.

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

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Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner is aggrieved by the order dated 21.8.2017(Annexure P-1) passed by the District Food and Civil Supplies Controller, Pathankot, suspending his Public Distribution and Supplies Licence, bearing No.PTK/PDS/03/406.

2. The record reflects that, aggrieved by such suspension, the petitioner preferred an appeal before the Joint Director (Consumer Distribution), Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, and it was disposed of by order dated 28.2.2019. Perusal of the said appellate order reflects that the petitioner was issued a show cause notice on the very same date that the suspension order was passed, viz, 21.8.2017. In response thereto, the petitioner submitted reply dated 15.11.2017. The appellate authority accordingly directed the primary authority to pass a final order.

3. There is no indication as to whether any final order was passed pursuant to the aforesaid appellate order, upon due consideration of the petitioner's reply dated 15.11.2017. In any event, having initiated action against the petitioner, by issuing a show cause notice, it is not open to the authorities to keep the matter pending indefinitely.

4. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the District

Food and Civil Supplies Controller, Pathankot, to take a decision in the matter and pass final orders pursuant to the show cause notice dated 21.8.2017 issued to the petitioner. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously in any event, not later than three weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

5. No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

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