

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

**CWP No. 33816 of 2019
Date of Decision: 20.11.2019**

M/s Sran Rice Mills

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Naresh Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Advocate for respondent/PUNGRAIN.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

Petitioner is a rice mill.

Challenge is to letter dated 03.11.2019 (Annexure P-4) issued by the Assistant, Food and Supplies Officer, District Moga and in terms of which pursuant to a physical verification having been undertaken directions have been issued to stop lifting of paddy.

Petitioner had earlier approached this Court by way of filing CWP No.32647 of 2019 and which was disposed of on 08.11.2019 by directing that the authority concerned would afford an opportunity of personal hearing to the authorized representatives of the petitioner-rice mill and thereafter take a final decision as per terms of the Punjab Custom Milling Policy (Kharif 2019-2020).

Counsel would submit that the petitioner has filed a reply to the notice that had been served and had also appeared before the Director, Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Punjab, but till date no final order has been passed.

Since an advance copy of petition already stood served, Mr. A.P.S. Gill, Learned AAG, Punjab, upon instructions from Ajay Pal Saron, Deputy Director, Rice, Punjab, informs the Court that it is the petitioner himself who had sought further time for production of certain documents and it is on the request of the petitioner that the matter has now been deferred to 22.11.2019.

Be that as it may, the respondents-authorities are obligated to take a decision in an expeditious manner keeping in view the paddy season which has a limited and a short time frame.

Instant writ petition is disposed of in terms of granting liberty to the petitioner to appear before the 2nd respondent i.e. Director, Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Punjab on 22.11.2019 at 11.00 AM.

It would be open for the petitioner to produce all relevant documents in his defence.

Director would take a final decision in the matter and would convey the order to the petitioner the day thereafter i.e. on 23.11.2019.

It is clarified that this Court has not examined the matter on merits.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

November 20, 2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No