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

CWP-323-2020

Date of Decision: January 15, 2020

M/S BANKE BIHARI RICE MILLS AND OTHERS

..... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Daman Dhir, Advocate and
Ms. Raman Dhir, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rajesh Garg, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Nimrata Shergill, Advocate
for respondents no.3 and 4.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Advocate
for respondents no.5 to 7.

LISA GILL, J.

Learned counsel for respondents no.5 to 7 submits that no such representation as mentioned and appended with the writ petition has been received.

The present writ petition, it is submitted, has been filed by the millers only with a view to cover up delay on their part in delivery of rice. An affidavit dated 13.01.2020 of Jaspreet Singh Kahlon, District Controller-cum-District Manager, Pungrain, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Faridkot has been produced in Court to this effect. However, learned counsel for the petitioners refutes the said averments and bring to the notice of this Court a communication dated 10.01.2020 from Principal Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of

Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs to all the Deputy Directors (Field) and all the District Controllers, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, State of Punjab, wherein it is directed that a standing committee be constituted in each district to address the issue of distribution of space of delivery of custom milling rice.

Be that as it may, it is apparent that the State Government has taken up the matter and is conscious of the problem being faced by the millers. It is expected that necessary action pursuant to the directions as reflected in memo dated 10.01.2020 shall be taken expeditiously and preferably within one week keeping in view the urgency involved. Needless to say, the petitioners are at liberty to present their case before the committee, so constituted.

The petition is disposed of accordingly.

15.01.2020
Sunil

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

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