

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

CRWP No. 506 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: - 16.01.2020

Yogesh Gupta

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Anurag Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents to independently and fairly inquire into the representations dated 11.01.2020 and 12.01.2020 (Annexures P-4 and P-6).

In the present petition, the petitioner being a labour contractor at Centre Kotkapura was allotted the work for handling and transporting, vide letter dated 18.04.2019 (Annexure P-1) for a period of one year. In the initial season of paddy, the petitioner was able to execute the work in due compliance of the policy and all the bills qua the work done were duly settled by the procurement agency. But in the second part of season, the rice is lying in abundance at Centre Kotkapura because the labour union of the petitioner is unable to lift the rice stacks as respondents No. 7 to 16 are disrupting the loading and unloading of foodgrains and are even sitting outside the godowns.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that even after the representations dated 11.01.2020 and 12.01.2020 (Annexures P-4 and P-6), till date no action has been taken. He requests to direct the official respondents to look into the matter as also to take necessary steps to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner and his employees so that he can discharge his contractual obligations.

Having heard counsel for the petitioner at length and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant petition with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. the Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot to look into the matter against the backdrop of the representations dated 11.01.2020 and 12.01.2020 (Annexures P-4 and P-6) and thereafter to take steps as he may deem fit and warranted in accordance with law.

Disposed of.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

16.01.2020

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No