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

CWP-7326-2020(O&M)

Date of Decision: May 13, 2020

M/s Sran Rice Mills, Village Lande, Tehsil Baghapurana, District Moga

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE NIRMALJIT KAUR

Present: Mr.Shiv Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.Sahil Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

Ms.Deepali Puri, Advocate
for respondent No.3.

Mr.Vishal Mehta, Advocate for
Mr.Mehardeep, Advocate
for respondent No.10.

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NIRMALJIT KAUR, J. (ORAL)

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as counsel for
respondent No.3.

Learned counsel for the petitioner does not dispute that the
appeal lies to the Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs
Department, Punjab, Chandigarh, whereas he has filed the writ petition
without availing the alternative remedy.

In view of the admitted position, the present writ petition is
disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to approach the first Appellate
Authority, i.e. the Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs at the

first instance. However, the time granted to shift the paddy on expiry of seven days from the passing of the impugned order, dated 04.05.2020, is extended by another ten days. The appeal shall also be filed within these ten days itself.

Taking into account the urgency, the Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department is directed to decide the appeal within one month from the date fixed before it. The Appellate Authority shall be at liberty to pass an interim order forthwith on listing of the said appeal after hearing the parties. However, the petitioner shall not take any unnecessary adjournments.

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(NIRMALJIT KAUR)
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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned ? | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable ? | Yes/No |