

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

CWP 11176/2020

Date of decision:15.10.2020

Surinder Pal

.....Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

**Coram: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Jaswant Singh
 Hon'ble Mr.Justice Sant Parkash**

Present:- Mr. Nitin Kaushal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms.Lavanya Paul, AAG Punjab for respondents.

Jaswant Singh,J.

[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual Court]

Petitioner claims to have been working as a Labour and Cartage Contractor for the Mallanwala Cluster for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20. In the present petition challenge is to clause 5(G) of Punjab Food Grains Labour and Cartage Policy 2020-21 (for short the Policy) which allegedly imposes unreasonable, illogical and baseless restrictions in the form of extremely high minimum turnover requirements as also restricting/ discarding the labour component of previously earned experience of labour and cartage while assessing the turnover. Prayer is thus, *inter alia*, to quash said clause 5(G) of the Policy.

Vide order dated 5.8.2020 this Court had issued notice of

motion restricting the challenge to the reasonableness or otherwise of excluding the turnover qua labour contract in terms of said clause while considering eligibility for the grant of contracts for cartage and labour or labour alone.

Short reply by way of affidavit of Ms.Anindita Mitra,IAS, Director, Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab has been filed on behalf of respondents 1 and 2 contesting the claim of the petitioner.

At the time of resumed hearing today, learned counsel, on instructions seeks simpliciter withdrawal of the writ petition.

Dismissed as withdrawn.

(Jaswant Singh)
Judge

15.10.2020.
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(Sant Parkash)
Judge

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No