

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

CWP-11257 of 2016

Date of decision: 18.02.2020

Akhil Bhartiya Kisan Sabha

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA,
CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE**

Present: Mr. R.S. Bains, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner raising a grievance in public interest regarding payment of damages for the kharif crop of the year 2015.

It is stated that several persons, who suffered damages on account of drought and failure of crop, were not paid compensation by the State, as per its policy; and that the authorities have wrongly implemented the policy by restricting the payment of damages, in some cases to the cotton crop alone and in other cases, by reducing the amount of compensation to be paid to the farmers even where they have suffered 100% damage. It is prayed that the respondent authorities be directed to pay damages to all the affected persons uniformly.

The respondents have filed a report stating that for the year 2015, all the persons, who suffered damages, were awarded compensation by the State in accordance with its policy, without any exception, and all grievances in that regard were redressed. The respondents have given data

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and statistics relating to the compensation and damages paid by the State to the affected farmers. It is stated in the affidavit that initial status reports were based on the special inspections conducted by higher officials. It is also informed that in certain cases, compensation has been claimed even for the area where there was no drought and that percentage of damages was highly inflated. It is submitted that the authorities, after conducting the inspections, assessed the damage and paid the compensation to the affected farmers in accordance with the policy of the State.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties and examined the record, including the status reports filed by the State.

On a perusal of the status reports, we do not find any allegation to the effect that some genuinely affected farmers were either denied compensation or were not paid the same. The statistics placed before this Court indicate that compensation for the damage has been paid to the affected farmers, in accordance with the policy of the State. In the circumstances, we do not find any reason to keep the present petition pending any further. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of, granting liberty to the effected farmers to take up the issue before the concerned authority, in case they have any grievance in respect of the amount of compensation.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

February 18, 2020
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Whether speaking / reasoned: YES
Whether Reportable: NO

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