

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Date of decision:- 29.09.2020

1. CWP No. 15670 of 2020 (O&M)

Balwinder Singh	Versus	Petitioner
Principal Secretary of Food Supply and others		...Respondents

2. CWP No. 15694 of 2020 (O&M)

Balwinder Singh	Versus	Petitioner
Principal Secretary of Food Supply and others		...Respondents

3. CWP No. 15742 of 2020 (O&M)

Gamdoor Singh Brar	Versus	Petitioner
Principal Secretary of Food Supply and others		...Respondents

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

Present:- Dr. Rau P.S.Girwar, Advocate, for the petitioners.
 Mr. Anurag Chopra, Advocate, and
 Mr. J.S.Arora, Advocate, for the private respondents.
 Ms. Monica Chibber Sharma, Sr. DAG, Punjab,
 for the respondents.

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)

With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the matter is being taken up and heard via video conferencing.

The only prayer made in the present petitions is for a direction to the respondent-authorities to decide the appeals filed by the petitioners against the order of rejecting the technical bids submitted by the petitioners which are pending before the Director, Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.

Learned Senior Deputy Advocate General appearing for the respondent-State of Punjab submits that the appeals filed by the petitioners shall be decided expeditiously. She, however, submits that in view of Covid-19 pandemic, several employees of the Department and the office concerned are suffering from Covid-19 and therefore, six weeks time be granted to the respondent-authorities to consider and decide the appeals.

In view of the aforesaid, all the petitions are disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Director, Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh to decide the appeals filed by the petitioners within a period of six weeks.

It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case and therefore, respondent No.2 would be at liberty to examine the matter keeping all facts and facets into consideration and thereafter accept or reject the same in accordance with law.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

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