

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-15587-2020

Date of decision: 28.09.2020

M/s B.P. Rice Mill and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Brijeshwar Singh Bhalla, Advocate for the petitioners.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioners-M/s B.P. Rice Mill through its Proprietor and Rajiv Kumar, have jointly filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to the respondents to link the mandis and rice mills as per the provisions of Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Paddy (Kharif 2020-2021) (Annexure P-7) with a further prayer to direct the respondents to consider the representations dated 26.09.2019 and 16.10.2019 (Annexures P-5 & P-6 resectively).

Learned counsel for the petitioners, by making reference to Clause 11 of The Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Paddy (Kharif 2019-20), submits that as per the said Clause, DAC was directed to make all efforts while linking rice mills and mandis in such a way, so as to reduce the expenditure on transportation of paddy. Counsel further submits that the new policy i.e. The Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Kharif 2020-21 (Annexure P-7), describe

the same.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Monica Chhibber Sharma, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for the same/similar grievance as made in the present petition, the petitioners had submitted a representation dated 16.10.2019 (Annexure P-6). He submits that prior to this, the petitioners had also submitted a representation dated 25.09.2019 (Annexure P-5), which was duly forwarded by the Divisional Manager, FCI, Ferozepur to DFSC, Ferozepur, on 26.09.2019.

While refraining from making any expression as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition, the petition is **disposed of** with a direction that in case, the petitioners submit any representation before the Competent Authority, the same shall be got examined by the Competent Authority within two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law and necessary steps as may be warranted under the facts and circumstances of the case, be taken thereupon forthwith.

A copy of this order be sent to the Competent Authority by the Registry through e-mail or any other mode, so as to enable the said authority to do the needful expeditiously.

Civil Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

28.09.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No