

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

Date of Decision: 29.09.2020

1. CWP-15523-2020

M/S B.S.RICE MILL

.. Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

..Respondents

2. CWP-15536-2020

M/S GANGA RICE MILL

.. Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

..Respondents

3. CWP-15539-2020

MAHA SHAKTI RICE & GENERAL MILL

.. Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

..Respondents

4. CWP-15597-2020

GOVIND RICE MILL

.. Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

..Respondents

AND

5. CWP-15644-2020

JJ INTERNATIONAL

.. Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Vikas Chaudhary, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

**Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana for
respondent Nos.1 to 3 in CWP-15644-2020 and
in remaining petitions for respondent No.1.**

Mr. Naveen Chopra, Advocate for respondent-FCI.

**Mr. Padamkant Dwivedi, Advocate
for respondent Nos.2 and 3
in CWP-15523-2020, CWP-15536-2020, CWP-15539-2020
and CWP-15597-2020.**

Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)

The above five writ petitions have been filed by rice millers, under Article 226 Constitution of India praying for a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to accept the balance Custom Milled Rice (CMR) as per balance CMR Stock with the petitioner(s), by granting grace period.

On 28.09.2020, the following order was passed:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) contends that pursuant to policy dated 22.09.2019 for KMS 2019-20 (Annexure P-1), paddy was entrusted to the petitioner mill and the deadline was fixed up to 31.08.2020 for delivering the commodity (Custom Milled Rice), which now stands extended till 15.10.2020. He states that the material, now ready for delivery, is not being accepted by respondents, only on the ground of delay, which was caused by breakout of pandemic COVID-19 in the region.

At this stage, learned counsels appearing on behalf of the State and Food Corporation of India, pray for time to seek instructions.

On their request, adjourned to 29.09.2020.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected cases.”

In response to the above, learned State counsel has produced the communication dated 24.09.2020 issued by Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of India, whereby delivery period for Custom Milled Rice (CMR) in Haryana for KMS 2019-2020 stands extended upto 15.10.2020. A copy of the same has been furnished to the learned counsel for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, learned State counsel states that the petitioner(s) can deliver the custom mill rice within the extended period.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner(s) states that in view of the above, nothing survives for adjudication in the above writ

petitions and the same are rendered infructuous.

Disposed off as such.

29.09.2020

Jasmine Kaur

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes	No
Whether reportable	Yes	No