

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

(Through Video Conferencing)

CWP-15740-2020

Date of Decision: 29.9.2020

M/s Annapurna Rice Mills and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIRMALJIT KAUR

Present: Mr. Daman Dhir, Advocate, for the petitioners.

NIRMALJIT KAUR, J. (Oral)

The petitioners have approached this Court seeking issuance of directions to respondents No.3 to 5 to make the payments of due admitted amounts alongwith security amount of the petitioners on account of job work of custom milling of paddy done under a contract agreement as per the custom milling policies pertaining to crop years 2010-11 onwards upto crop year 2018-19 alongwith interest.

The learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners, who are Rice/General Millers, entered into separate agreements with the Punjab Agro Foodgrains Corporation Limited (PAFC), whereby they undertook milling of padding. The learned counsel has further submitted that Punjab Agro Foodgrains Corporation Limited (PAFC) did not release the amounts due to the petitioners towards milling charges, security deposit and interest. The petitioners had submitted representations in this regard to the Punjab Agro Foodgrains Corporation Limited (PAFC) but no action has taken thereon.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and without making any expression as regards merits of the case, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.3-The Punjab Agro Foodgrains Corporation Limited (PAFC) and respondent No.4-The District Manager, Punjab Agro Foodgrains Corporation, Patiala to look into the matter. In case any such application is filed by the petitioners, the same be got examined in accordance with law expeditiously. If anything is found due to be paid to the petitioners, the same be paid within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of such representation.

Needless to mention, the petitioners would be at liberty to have recourse to other alternate, efficacious remedies as may be available to them including filing of a civil suit or going in for arbitration.

(NIRMALJIT KAUR)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No