

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

**CWP No.19229 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 17.11.2020**

M/s Shiv Shakti Exporters Pvt.Ltd.

.....Petitioner

Versus

Principal Secretary Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Mayank Matur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, Asst. A.G. Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner is a rice mill which was declared a defaulter vide order dated 31.10.2019 by the District Allotment Committee concerned. In terms of the Grievance Redressal Mechanism provided under the Custom Milling Policy itself, petitioner filed an appeal before the Director, Food civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, State of Punjab and which was dismissed on 08.06.2020. Petitioner-mill then availed of the remedy of second appeal before the Principal Secretary, Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, State of Punjab.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that inspite of the second appeal having been listed and hearing having taken place on

07.10.2020, no final orders have been passed. Counsel has argued that the current paddy season has already commenced w.e.f. 01.10.2020 and since the procurement thereunder would come to an end shortly, directions ought to be issued to the concerned authority to take final decision on the second appeal.

On the previous date of hearing i.e.on 12.11.2020, a complete copy of the petition had been furnished to Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, Asst.A.G. Punjab and who was requested to complete instructions.

During the course of resumed hearing today, learned State counsel takes a categoric stand that the petitioner-mill/representative would be afforded another hearing and the second appeal would be decided finally within a period of 10 days from today.

Statement is accepted.

In view of the above, no further directions are required to be passed.

Petition disposed of.

It is clarified that this court has not examined the issue on merits.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

November 17, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No