

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

CWP-4202-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 23.02.2021

Puran Singh and another

...Petitioner (s)

Versus

The Haryana State Cooperative Supply & Marketing Federation
Limited, Panchkula

...Respondent(s)

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

Present: Mr. Deepkaran Dalal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

(The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being
conducted in virtual Court)

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed by the petitioners challenging the eligibility criteria mentioned in the tender notice dated 11.02.2021 floated by the respondent on the ground that the eligibility conditions prescribed in the tender notice have been inserted without application of mind and have been included only to suit certain tenderers by making them tailor-made for them. It is submitted that these clauses do not exist in the previous tenders floated by the respondent whereas they have been included now. It is also alleged that the experience of the tenderers in handling and transportation of food grains with the Food Corporation of India has also been included which has no nexus with the object. It is observed that the petitioners have not yet filed any representation before the respondent authorities in this regard.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-HAFED submits that in case the petitioners file a representation, the same shall be considered and decided by the respondent-authorities latest by 24.02.2021 as the last date for submission of bids is 26.02.2021.

We find that the statement made by learned counsel appearing for the respondent-HAFED is reasonable as that would also give sufficient time to the petitioners in case the representation is allowed to submit their bid(s).

In view of the aforesaid statement made by learned counsel appearing for the respondent-HAFED, the petition stands disposed of.

However, it is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case and therefore, the authorities 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

23.02.2021

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