

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

Sr. No.101

**Civil Writ Petition No.24586 of 2021  
Date of Decision : December 03, 2021**

Surinder Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL**

Present: Mr. Suneet Singh Deol, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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**SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner is a fair price depot holder. In October 2020, he allegedly placed a demand for 1484 bags of wheat each of 30 kgs. for the period October, 2020 to March, 2021 and deposited the requisite amount. However, he received only 1170 bags. There was a shortfall of 314 bags. Despite representations, the said shortfall was not supplied to him and thus, legal notice dated 26.07.2021 was issued on his behalf to the Inspector, Department of Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Lohiyan Khas, Jalandhar. Reply dated 18.08.2021 (Annexure P-4) was sent by the said Inspector that remaining bags had been supplied directly to the beneficiaries against slips issued by the petitioner on oral instructions from higher officials as the licence was under suspension.

It is submitted that representation dated 11.10.2021 (Annexure P-5) makes it clear that the remaining bags were not supplied directly to the beneficiaries. The said document has been issued at the request of the beneficiaries by the concerned Gram Panchayats. Copy has been forwarded

to the Food Supply Officer, Shahkot, Jalandhar. Yet, no action has been taken till date.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 only.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG, Punjab accepts notice and waives service.

Considering the nature of the order being passed, no reply is necessary.

The petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4 to consider the representation dated 11.10.2021 (Annexure P-5) made to the Inspector concerned after obtaining a copy from her by passing a speaking order within four weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

**December 03, 2021**

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No