

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

Sr. No. 123

CWP-16295-2022

Date of decision : 28.7.2022

Akhil Gupta

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA**

Present: Mr. Rahul Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr.Aman Bahri, Addl.AG, Haryana

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

Respondent Nos. 2 to 4 advertised the auction of 7 plots in Vegetable Mandi, Radaur, District Yamuna Nagar. The auction was to be held on 29.12.2021. The reserve price for shop plot no.115 was fixed at Rs.7,81,000/- and for shop plot No.113 was fixed at Rs.8,59,000/-. The petitioner participated in the auction proceedings. He gave the highest bid of Rs.8,69,000/- for shop plot No.113 and Rs.7,91,000/- for shop plot No.115. As per the terms and conditions of the auction, he deposited 10 % earnest money i.e. Rs.86,900/- for shop plot No.113 and Rs.79,100/- for shop plot No.115. The petitioner was communicated an order dated 22.6.2022 conveying that the auction held on 29.12.2021 in respect of shop plots No.113 and 115 was rejected by the competent authority. The amount of 10% as earnest money deposited by the petitioner was also refunded to him.

The petitioner has filed this petition impugning the aforesaid order.

Mr.Aman Bahri, Addl.AG, Haryana has produced the original file of the Haryana State Agriculture Marketing Board. He states that the auction was not approved because:

- (i) the petitioner was the sole bidder;
- (ii) in respect of an earlier auction for plot no.123 in the same Mandi held in September, 2021 against the reserve price of Rs.7,81,000/ the bid had gone to Rs.39,11,000/-;
- (iii) moreover, the petitioner had earlier bid for plot No.114 in August, 2021, which plot was sold to him for Rs.38,96,000/-.

In view of the reasons forthcoming from the record, no ground is made to entertain this petition and is dismissed.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

28.07.2022

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