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

CWP-24928-2022

Date of Decision: 29.10.2022

M/S B.S. FOOD PRODUCTS AND ORS.

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

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

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction to be issued to respondent No.7, namely, the District Food Supplies Controller for strict adherence of the Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Kharif 2022-23.

Mr. Daman Dhir, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners would submit that in terms of the policy, referred to above, there has to be appropriate distribution of paddy in terms of clause 13 of the policy which condition is not being adhered to. It is submitted that there is a pick and choose policy which is detrimental to the right of the petitioners herein to earn their livelihood. It is further submitted that the petitioners have already approached the authorities concerned vide Annexure P-3, 07.10.2022, seeking strict implementation of the policy and equal distribution of paddy as per the policy. However, despite having sent the said representation, there is no response forthcoming from the authorities

concerned. It is submitted that in view of paucity of time, the petitioners herein would be satisfied in case the instant writ petition itself be treated as a representation for an early decision on the request for implementation of the policy in terms of clause 13. It is submitted that DDF-cum-Chairman, DAC is the competent authority to take a decision on the said matter.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, 6, 7 and 10.

Let adequate number of copies of paper book be supplied to her by the end of the day so that she has adequate time to forward a copy of this order to the authorities concerned.

In view of the limited prayer made, the present writ petition is disposed of by giving a direction to respondent No.7 to treat the instant writ petition as representation on behalf of the petitioners and decide the same expeditiously, preferably within the next five working days.

Needless to say that one representative of the 17 petitioners be heard by giving him one opportunity of personal hearing before taking final decision.

The said representative to put an appearance before respondent No.7 on 02.11.2022 at 11.00 AM.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

29.10.2022

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	Whether Reportable:	Yes/No