

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

CWP No.26596 of 2022

Date of Decision.19.12.2022

M/s Laxmi Rice Mill

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Akshit Pathania, Advocate for
Mr. B.S. Patwalia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Amanpreet (A.P.) Singh, Advocate
for respondents No.4 and 5.

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JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

The instant writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India with a prayer that an appropriate writ, order or direction be issued especially in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to comply with clauses of the Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Kharif 2022-2023 so as to ensure equal distribution of paddy amongst the millers linked to respondent No.4, especially at Main Grain Market (Main Mandi), Muktsar.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner herein would urge that the petitioner-mill had applied to be allocated paddy in terms of the Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Kharif 2022-2023 and was allotted to the procurement centre at Main Grain Market, Muktsar and linked with the Punjab State Warehouse Ballamgarh at Sri Muktsar Sahib. It is further urged that the petitioner-mill was entitled to 6975 MT of paddy, however, it had not been allocated the entire paddy in terms of its entitlement, whereas other

rice mills namely Aryan Rice Mills, Krishan Lal Mandeep Kumar Rice Mill and Vishine Iron Mills linked to the same mandi had been allocated paddy in excess. On filing of the writ petition, notice of motion was issued primarily on the ground that the petitioner-mill was contending that there was unequal distribution of paddy amongst the rice millers.

Pursuant to notice of motion having been issued, appearance has been caused on behalf of respondents.

Learned counsel appearing for the contesting respondents No.4 and 5 would submit that in fact, a meeting had been scheduled on 16.12.2022 under the Presidentship of District Manager, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation in the District office of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Sri Muktsar Sahib. Various matters were discussed therein and in principal, it has been decided that three rice mills namely Aryan Rice Mills, Krishan Lal Mandeep Kumar Rice Mill and Vishine Iron Mills, which had been allocated paddy in excess, would have no issue in case the paddy stored at their premises is shifted to the premises of the petitioner-mill so that there is equal distribution amongst all the mills as linked with the mandi at Ballamgarh.

Learned counsel appearing for respondents No.4 and 5 has placed translation of the Minutes of Meeting held on 16.12.2022, which bears the signatures of various signatories including the representative of petitioner-mill herein.

In view of the statement made by counsel appearing for the parties at bar that the matter stands settled, no further orders are called for in the matter.

Since a decision has been taken to shift the excess paddy to premises of the petitioner-mill from the premises of aforesaid three mills, let the said exercise be completed within a period of three days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order to enable the petitioner-mill to complete the milling process within the stipulated time as per the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into.

With the aforesaid observations, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

December 19, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No