

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

CWP-1961-2023

Date of Decision: 1st February, 2023

Manoj Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. V. K. Jindal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Rajesh Mehta, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. The writ petition is filed in the nature of Certiorari seeking quashing of order passed by District Controller Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs, Amritsar, (for short 'DFSC') suspending the supply of essential commodities/food grains to Depot of petitioner.

2. The brief facts are that the petitioner-Manoj Kumar was allotted Depot. An inquiry was conducted against him. In inquiry it was found that he has distributed less quantity of wheat to than the entitlement of the beneficiaries and also charged excess amount from the beneficiaries. The licence of the petitioner was suspended. Aggrieved of that, the present petition is filed.

3. Learned State counsel appearing on advance notice submits that the order is challenged on the ground that DFSC had no jurisdiction to pass orders. He produced notification dated 5.1.2023 amending the Punjab Targeted Public Distribution System (Licensing and Control) order, 2016, whereby word "District Magistrate" has been substituted with "Licensing Authority". He further on instructions submits that in view of amendment the orders passed by DFSC suspending the supply to the depot of petitioner

has been revoked and seeks liberty to pass a fresh order if need so arises.

In view of statement made by learned State counsel, the petition is disposed of.

4. Needless to say that the respondents would be at liberty to proceed in accordance with law.

5. Since the main case has been disposed of, pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

1st February, 2023
Parveen Sharma

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