

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

**CWP No.19648 of 2023
Date of Decision :05.09.2023**

M/s Punjab Traders and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Cooperative Marketing & Supply Federation Ltd.

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA, JUDGE**

Present : Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate for the petitioners.

None for the respondent.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral):

A writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for requiring the respondent to refund the security amount, deposited by the petitioner, in terms of agreement, that was entered into between the parties, along with interest @ 18% per annum.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that post conclusion of the arbitral proceedings vide award dated 14.09.2012, nothing further survives, for the authorities but to refund the amount of security that has illegally been withheld. It is urged that prior to the institution of this petition he has even served the authority with the legal notice dated 24.04.2023. But to no avail.

He submits that the petitioners would be satisfied if, at this stage, the authority is directed to examine and deal with their concerns/grievances and pass appropriate orders on legal notice (ibid).

It is submitted that a copy of this petition was served upon learned counsel for the respondent namely Mr. T.S.Sidhu, Advocate, though none is present to pursue the matter on behalf of the respondent.

In the wake of the above, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent that if indeed any such representation/legal notice (ibid) is pending consideration before the competent authority the same shall be dealt with and appropriate orders in accordance with law shall be passed thereon within 4 weeks from the receipt of the certified copy of this order.

Needless to assert that this order shall not constitute an expression of opinion on merits of the case of either party as the authority would be free to pass order, as indicated above, in accordance with law.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

05.09.2023
Manoj Bhutani

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