

2023:PHHC:118201

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CWP-19954-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-11.9.2023

Mukhtiar Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Varun Girdhar, Advocate for the petitioner.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the very outset, submits that he restricts his prayer at this stage to issuance of a direction to respondent No.3 – Director, Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab to consider the legal notice dated 2.8.2023 (Annexure P-5).
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the license issued to him under provisions of Punjab Targeted Public Distribution System (Licensing & Control) Order, 2016 has been arbitrarily suspended vide order dated 31.1.2023 (Annexure P-1) passed by respondent No.4 – District Controller, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Ferozepur, District Ferozepur and till date the inquiry has not been concluded. It has been submitted that although the petitioner had also served a legal notice dated 2.8.2023

(Annexure P-5) upon the respondents for restoration of supply of essential goods to his depot, but to no avail.

- 3. Notice of motion.
- 4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Inderpreet Singh Kang, AAG, Punjab, upon whom an advance copy of petition had already been served, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.
- 5. Having regard to the limited prayer made on behalf of the petitioner, this Court does not deem it necessary to call for response of the respondents. The instant petition, as such, is disposed of to the extent that respondent No.3 – Director, Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab is directed to get the legal notice dated 2.8.2023 (Annexure P-5) examined in accordance with law and ensure that the same is disposed off expeditiously preferably within a period of 4 months from today.

11.9.2023
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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No