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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-29142-2023

Date of Decision:21.12.2023

M/S OMKAR RICE MILL AND OTHERS

..... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

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

Mr. Inderpreet Singh Kang, AAG, Punjab.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting aside of letter dated 08.12.2023 whereby petitioners have been asked to submit information with respect to paddy processed by them.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that impugned letter dated 08.12.2023 is based upon letter dated 25.05.2023 issued by Government of India. The respondent remained silent from May' 2023 to November' 2023 and all of sudden issued impugned letter whereby petitioners have been asked to submit information in the proforma prescribed by Government of India. The petitioners were asked to submit information by 15.12.2023 and impugned letter itself was served upon them on 15.12.2023. It is milling season and petitioners are occupied in carrying out milling activities. The petitioners need reasonable time to

furnish information required by respondents. The petitioners by impugned letter have been informed that contract number will be issued only after submission of required information on portal. The petitioners have to deliver CMR to the extent of 35% by 31.12.2023. If contract number is not issued, the petitioners would not be able to deliver CMR by 31.12.2023.

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from Mr. Parmeshwar, Official of Food Supply office, Hoshiarpur submits that petitioners may be directed to furnish information by 31.12.2023. The respondent would not withhold contract number provided the petitioners furnish information by 31.12.2023.

4. In the wake of statements of both sides, the present petition stands disposed of.

5. It is made clear that respondent would not withhold contract number on the basis of impugned letter, however, respondent would be at liberty to withhold contract number, if petitioners fail to furnish information by 31.12.2023.

6. To avoid multiplicity of the petitions, it is made clear that this order shall be applicable to all the millers in the State of Punjab.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)

JUDGE

21.12.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>