

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

CWP-5317-2024

Date of decision: 06.03.2024

M/s Shri Ram, Mandi Transport Contractor, and anotherPetitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL**

Present: Mr. Ashish Nagar, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that even earlier, based upon a similar cause of action, the petitioners had approached this Court vide CWP-26398-2022, assailing the letters/orders dated 01.11.2022 (P-7), 03.11.2022 (P-8) and 04.11.2022 (P-9). However, vide order dated 18.11.2022, the said petition was dismissed as withdrawn to enable the petitioners to invoke the dispute resolution clause. Whereafter, the petitioners, vide a detailed communication dated 01.12.2022 (P-13), addressed to the Director General, Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Haryana, expressed their concerns/grievances and prayed for withdrawal of the impugned orders. He asserts that as the matter made no tangible progress, the petitioners were, once again, compelled to approach this Court vide CWP-5843-2023, which too, was dismissed as withdrawn on 21.03.2023, to enable them to pursue the matter with the respondent authorities, for it was still pending consideration. He, in reference to communication dated 27.6.2023 (P-15), issued by the Director, Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, to the Managing Director, Haryana State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (respondent No.3), submits that even though, respondent No.3 was apprised of the sensitivity of the matter as also the orders passed by this Court (*ibid*), the grievance of the

petitioners remains unaddressed to date. Therefore, it is urged that inaction at the end of the respondent authorities is writ large on the face of the record.

Served with the advance copy of the petition, Mr. Ankur Mittal, learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana, along with Ms. Kushaldeep Kaur, Advocate, is present in Court. He, on instructions, submits that let the petitioners or their authorized representative(s) appear before the Managing Director, HAFED, (respondent No.3) on 11.03.2024 at 11:00 AM, as regards their concerns/grievances. Whereafter, the competent authority shall pass necessary orders, in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks therefrom.

Learned counsel for the petitioners is agreeable to the course suggested by learned counsel for the respondents and submits that let this petition be disposed of, in terms of the statement made by him.

The petition is accordingly disposed of, in terms of the statements made by learned counsel for the parties.

This Court is sanguine that the authorities shall look into the matter in the right earnest. And the appropriate orders shall be passed within the time indicated by the learned counsel for the respondents.

Needless to assert that this order shall not constitute any expression of opinion on the merits of the case of either party, for, as indicated above, the competent authority shall examine the concerns/grievances of the petitioners, strictly in accordance with law.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

06.03.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No