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

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**CWP-19842-2022 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 29.10.2024.**

LAKHBIR SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Kanhiya Goyal, Advocate, for
Mr. Harpreet Singh Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer made in the present petition is for directing the official respondent No.2 to take immediate action as per law on the representation dated 12.04.2022 (Annexure P-2) and cancel the wrongly allotted ration card.

2 Reply by way of affidavit of Sandeep Kumar, IAS, Deputy
Commissioner, Tarn Taran dated 09.07.2024 on behalf of respondents No.1

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to 3 has been filed. The relevant extract of the preliminary submissions is reproduced hereinafter below:-

“3. That the Government of Punjab implements systematic measures to address the issue of ineligible ration cards. Verification drives are regularly conducted and one such drive was undertaken in 2017 and again in 2022. In 2022, the Government of Punjab vide letter dated 05.09.2022 had issued specific directives to all Deputy Commissioners, mandating the identification and removal of fake or ineligible ration cards. A true translated copy of the letter dated 05.09.2022 is annexed herewith as Annexure R-1/T for the kind perusal of this Hon’ble Court.

4 That the answering respondent received the petitioner's complaint dated 12.04.2022 (Annexure P-2) and same was promptly forwarded to the Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Bhikhiwind to initiate an inquiry. The SDM, Bhikhiwind got the land records of the ration cardholders named in the complaint verified from the Revenue office; aligning with the directives of the Government of Punjab. Further, SDM, Bhikhiwind, vide its letter dated 19.02.2023 had informed the concerned Assistant Food & Supply Officer that 30 out of 127 ration cards in village Wara Telian were deemed ineligible. Consequently, cards of these 30 ineligible beneficiaries were removed from the list of the total beneficiaries of the village Wara Telian. A true translated copy of the letter dated 19.02.2023 is attached herewith as Annexure R-2/T and the copy of the list of beneficiaries found ineligible is attached herewith as Annexure R-3.”

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3 It is evident from a perusal of the aforesaid stand of the respondents that the representation has already been considered and the matter was inquired into. It has also been averred that 30 out of 127 ration cards in village Wara Telian have already been deemed ineligible. Further, despite the reply having been filed in July 2024, the factual aspects raised therein have not been controverted. It is thus evident that the respondents have already taken an action on the representation submitted by the petitioner. The present petition is accordingly disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

October 29, 2024.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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