



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

CWP-19781-2024

Date of decision: 14.08.2024

Manoj Kumar Garg alias Manu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Vikas Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that aggrieved by an order dated 20.04.2024 (P-8), passed by the District Tender Committee (DTC), vide which the cartage work assigned to the petitioner was cancelled, per clause 12 of the Punjab Foodgrains Labour & Cartage Policy, 2023, he preferred an appeal under Clause 16 of the Policy. And, vide a detailed order dated 13.07.2024 (P-12), the First Appellate Authority-cum-Director, Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Punjab, set aside the said order and remitted the matter to the DTC, for decision afresh. He asserts that albeit, post remand, the matter was taken up by the DTC on 31.07.2024, but the hearing remained inconclusive. And, the next date is yet to be notified. Thus, it is urged that in the given circumstances and the matter being time sensitive, it ought to have been considered and decided, at the earliest, for with each passing day's delay, rights/interest of the petitioner are gravely impaired.

Served with the advance copy of the petition, Mr. Jastej Singh, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, is present in Court. At the outset, he, on instructions, submits that the DTC would take up the matter at the earliest. And every possible endeavour shall be made to



consider and decide the same, as expeditiously as possible, but not later than two weeks from today.

That being so, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that nothing substantive survives in the petition and the same be disposed of, in terms of the statement made by learned State counsel.

In the wake of the position sketched out above and in terms of the statements made by learned counsel for the parties, the petition is accordingly disposed of.

This Court is sanguine that the authorities shall look into the matter in the right earnest. And the appropriate orders, assigning reasons in support thereof, shall be passed within the time indicated by learned State counsel.

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 petitioner, strictly in accordance with law.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

14.08.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	Yes/No