

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-PIL-238-2024

Date of decision: 29.10.2024

KS RAJU LEGAL TRUST

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Petitioner in person.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Arun Gosain, Sr. Panel Counsel for respondent No.3-UOI.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

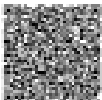
1. Through this Public Interest Litigation (PIL), the petitioner prays for the following substantive reliefs:-

“(a) issue a writ of Mandamus directing the Government of Punjab (Respondents 1 & 2) to procure the paddy from the Mandis in the State of Punjab for the year 2024-25 as agreed by them in the all-stakeholders meeting held on 29.08.2024.

(b) Issue a writ of Mandamus directing the Respondents 3 & 4 to extend all possible assistance to Respondents 1 & 2 for efficient and orderly procurement of paddy in Punjab by the later.

(c) Issue a writ of Mandamus directing the Respondents to file weekly report on procurement to this Hon’ble Court and give a copy of the same to the petitioner.”

2. In substance, delay in procuring the paddy lying in Grain Markets of State of Punjab is the root cause of filing the present Public Interest Litigation (PIL). This Bench in a connected writ petition i.e. **CWP-PIL-225-2024, titled as “Sunpreet Vs. Union of India and others, decided**



India appearing on behalf of Union of India and learned Advocate General, Punjab at length. It has been assured that all possible efforts are being made to procure paddy expeditiously.

3. The procurement of paddy is ever evolving and results in dynamic situation. With each passing day, the situation is changing. The Central Government as well as State Government have shown their willingness to procure paddy/rice.

4. It may be noted here that Union of India’s counsel has stated that weekly meeting is held between the officials on every Thursday.

5. While exercising writ jurisdiction, the Constitutional Courts have its own limitation with respect to scope of supervision and superintendence. Ordinarily, the Courts are not likely to interfere in the work of the administration. The procurement of paddy by State of Punjab is an administrative work. In absence of specialized knowledge, which is the exclusive domain of experts, the Courts are not expected to interfere.

6. Keeping in view aforesaid position, the present writ petition stands disposed of.

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

29th October, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No