



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

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**CWP-30933-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 18.11.2024**

Madan Lal

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. Ramandeep, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed for directing the respondents to initiate appropriate legal proceeding and to lodge a formal complaint under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 against respondent No.5 in view of the order dated 17.05.2023.

Learned counsel for the petitioner placed reliance on the memo No. AFSO(Sanaur)/2023/2637 dated 22.03.2023 about the preliminary inquiry report submitted by the said officer to the District Controller, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Patiala, about certain irregularities in the distribution of the ration. A further reference has been made to the show cause notice sent by the office of the District Controller, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Patiala, and the order of suspension of the license granted to respondent No.5 dated 17.05.2023. He contends that notwithstanding the suspension, no further proceedings have been initiated against the said fair price shop license-holder.



Learned State counsel on the other hand has made a reference to the memo no. AFSO/2023/2818 dated 05.12.2023 sent by the AFSO to the District Controller, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Patiala recommending that the complaint be filed since the allegations have already been verified and not found to be substantiated. She further contends that pursuant to the recommendation made by the AFSO vide the above memo, an order bearing Endst. No.2024/R/771/4325 dated 16.05.2024, the license of respondent No.5 already stands restored.

In view of the above developments, the prayer made by the petitioner in the present petition does not survive any further. The present writ petition is accordingly **disposed of** as having been rendered infructuous.

Liberty is, however, granted to the petitioner to take recourse to appropriate alternative remedies in accordance with law, if so advised.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

18.11.2024

Mangal Singh

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