

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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2025:PHHC:154275-DB



Date of decision: 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

(1) CWP No.20398 of 2022 (O&M)

|                             |               |
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| Ram Kumar and others        | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                      |               |
| State of Haryana and others | ..Respondents |

(2) CWP No.6159 of 2023 (O&M)

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| Ramphal and others          | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                      |               |
| State of Haryana and others | ..Respondents |

(3) CWP No.1464 of 2023 (O&M)

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| Depot Holder Welfare Association, Kaithal and others | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                                               |               |
| State of Haryana and others                          | ..Respondents |

(4) CWP No.10931 of 2023 (O&M)

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| Satbir Singh and others      | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                       |               |
| State of Haryana and another | ..Respondents |

(5) CWP No.29361 of 2023(O&M)

|                              |               |
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| Indraaj and others           | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                       |               |
| State of Haryana and another | ..Respondents |

(6) CWP No.19631 of 2023 (O&M)

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| Shish Pal                    | ..Petitioner  |
| Versus                       |               |
| State of Haryana and another | ..Respondents |

(7) CWP No.20604 of 2023 (O&M)

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| Rajender Singh               | ..Petitioner  |
| Versus                       |               |
| State of Haryana and another | ..Respondents |

- (8) CWP No.3399 of 2024 (O&M)
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| Chhaju Ram                  |        | ..Petitioner  |
|                             | Versus |               |
| State of Haryana and others |        | ..Respondents |
- (9) CWP No.4582 of 2024 (O&M)
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| Chander Prakash and another  |        | ..Petitioners |
|                              | Versus |               |
| State of Haryana and another |        | ..Respondents |
- (10) CWP No.5309 of 2024 (O&M)
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| Bhoop Singh and others      |        | ..Petitioners |
|                             | Versus |               |
| State of Haryana and others |        | ..Respondents |
- (11) CWP No.6876 of 2024 (O&M)
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| Sube Singh                   |        | ..Petitioner  |
|                              | Versus |               |
| State of Haryana and another |        | ..Respondents |
- (12) CWP No.7629 of 2024 (O&M)
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| Om Parkash and others        |        | ..Petitioners |
|                              | Versus |               |
| State of Haryana and another |        | ..Respondents |
- (13) CWP No.8042 of 2024 (O&M)
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| Maheshwari Sharma and others |        | ..Petitioners |
|                              | Versus |               |
| State of Haryana and others  |        | ..Respondents |
- (14) CWP No.7634 of 2024(O&M)
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| Om Parkash                  |        | ..Petitioner  |
|                             | Versus |               |
| State of Haryana and others |        | ..Respondents |
- (15) CWP No.8137 of 2024 (O&M)
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| Nand Kishore and others     |        | ..Petitioners |
|                             | Versus |               |
| State of Haryana and others |        | ..Respondents |

(16) CWP No.8143 of 2024 (O&M)

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| Sushil Kumar and others     | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                      |               |
| State of Haryana and others | ..Respondents |

(17) CWP No.8232 of 2024 (O&M)

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| Baljit                      | ..Petitioner  |
| Versus                      |               |
| State of Haryana and others | ..Respondents |

(18) CWP No.8255 of 2024 (O&M)

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| Ramesh Chand and others     | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                      |               |
| State of Haryana and others | ..Respondents |

(19) CWP No.8284 of 2024 (O&M)

|                              |               |
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| Rekha Rani and others        | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                       |               |
| State of Haryana and another | ..Respondents |

(20) CWP No.7892 of 2024 (O&M)

|                              |               |
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| Bohar Singh and others       | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                       |               |
| State of Haryana and another | ..Respondents |

(21) CWP No.7953 of 2024 (O&M)

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| Sher Singh and others        | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                       |               |
| State of Haryana and another | ..Respondents |

(22) CWP No.7954 of 2024 (O&M)

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| Kashmir Chand and others     | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                       |               |
| State of Haryana and another | ..Respondents |

(23) CM-8896 of 2025 in/and  
CWP No.7957 of 2024 (O&M)

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| Raj Singh and others        | ..Petitioners |
| Versus                      |               |
| State of Haryana and others | ..Respondents |

(24) CWP No.8694 of 2024 (O&M)

All Ration Depot Holders Welfare Association and others  
Versus  
State of Haryana and others  
..Petitioners  
..Respondents

(25) CWP No.7831 of 2024 (O&M)

Gulab Singh and others  
Versus  
State of Haryana and others  
..Petitioners  
..Respondents

(26) CWP No.7683 of 2024 (O&M)

Krishan Kumar and others  
Versus  
State of Haryana and others  
..Petitioners  
..Respondents

(27) CWP No.22956 of 2025 (O&M)

Geeta Devi alias Geeta Mittal  
Versus  
State of Haryana and others  
..Petitioners  
..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Chanderhas Yadav, Advocate  
for the petitioners (CWP-5309 of 2024 and 7683 of 2024).

Mr. Pratula Sethi, Advocate  
for the petitioners (CWP-7831 of 2024 and 22956 of 2025).

Mr. Ranjit Saini, Advocate  
for the petitioners in CWP-7629 of 2024.

Ms. Manju Goyal, Advocate with  
Mr. Pankaj Goyal, Advocate  
for the petitioners in CWP-8137 of 2024.

Mr. Mohit Jaggi, Advocate  
for the petitioner (CWP-6876 of 2024).

Mr. Sumit Sangwan, Advocate  
for the petitioner (CWP-8232 of 2024).

Ms. Prabhnoor Kaur Bains, Advocate  
for Mr. S.S. Verma, Advocate

for petitioner (CWP-6159-2023).

Ms. Devika Kamboj, Advocate for  
Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate  
for the petitioner (CWP-8255 of 2024 ).

Mr. Tarun Chawla, Advocate for  
Mr. Arav Gupta, Advocate  
for the petitioner (CWP-8143 of 2024).

Mr. Lokesh Sharma, Advocate for  
Mr. Shivam Jindal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Gupta, Advocate with  
Mr. Vishal Walia, Advocate  
for the petitioners (CWP-1464-2023 and CWP-8694-2024).

Mr. Sandeep Chhabra, Addl. AG Haryana.

**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J(Oral)**

1. On 28.01.2025 following order was passed:

*‘Learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana, at the outset, submits that proviso added to Clause 6 of the Haryana Targeted Public Distribution System (Licensing and Control) Order, 2022, vide notification dated August 1, 2022, is being assailed, as it restricts the renewal of the licence for Fair Price Shop Owners beyond the age of 60 years. He submits that albeit a formal response on behalf of the State has been filed, but the matter is being re-considered by the competent authority and is at an advance stage. Accordingly, he prays for a short accommodation to apprise the Court of any further development.*

*As prayed, adjourned to 08.07.2025.*

*A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of the other connected cases.’*

2. In pursuance to the said order, a letter dated 10.11.2025, addressed to the Advocate General, Haryana, by the Department of District Food and Supplies Controller, (PDS), for Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Haryana, Chandigarh, has been placed before this Court wherein it has been mentioned that the Department has already proposed the

Public Distribution System (Licensing and Control) Order, 2022, whereby restriction has been put by restricting renewal of the Fair Price Shop License in case the dealer had crossed the age of 60 years so as to delete the same . The letter further states that after the final approval by the Competent Authority, the action will be taken.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submit that keeping in view the statement given, that the matter is already being re-considered and the remedial steps are already being taken, the present petitions may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further.

4. As the grievance which has been raised by the petitioners is already been re-considered by the State and the remedial measure have already been initiated though such remedial measures have to reach to right conclusion, the present petitions are disposed of with the observations that the said process initiated by the State qua amendment of 2022 order should be finalized within a period of three months of the receipt of copy of this order and till then the Proviso to Clause 6(1) of the Haryana Targeted Public Distribution System (Licensing and Control) Order, 2022, will not be given effect to.

5. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

6. Photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)  
JUDGE

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2025  
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