

2025:PHHC:173078-DB



CWP-36681-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 11.12.2025

Rural Labour Committee

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR**

Present: Mr. Kamal Satija, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Randeep Singh Pandher, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner is aggrieved by the order dated 02.12.2025, whereby the tender previously allotted to petitioner, has been cancelled.
2. It is undisputed that pursuant to the award of tender in favour of the petitioner, work order was also issued and while working as such, the order impugned has been passed.
3. Various submissions are raised on merits with regard to the legality of the order impugned.
4. Learned State counsel, however, raises a preliminary objection with regard to maintainability of the writ petition on the ground that in terms of the applicable scheme, a right of appeal in terms of Clause 17 of the Punjab Foodgrains Labour and Cartage Policy, 2025, is available to the petitioner before the Director/respondent No.4, who is the competent authority.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, states that the policy does not fix any time frame within which the appeal is to be considered and therefore, in the event the petitioner is relegated to such remedy, the remedy itself may not be effective and efficacious.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, we are not inclined to entertain the writ petition at this stage as the petitioner has the remedy of raising his grievance before the competent authority/Director by filing an appeal. However, in the facts and circumstances of the case, we provide that if the petitioner files such appeal in terms of Clause 17 within three days from today, the same shall be considered and decided by the competent authority within 15 days thereafter, by passing a reasoned order.

7. The writ petition is disposed of with the aforesaid observations.

8. All pending misc. application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

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1. Whether speaking/reasoned?	:	Yes/No
2. Whether reportable?	:	Yes/No