



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

CWP-8188-2026

Date of decision: 18.03.2026

Surjit Singh and another

....Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (PUNSUP)

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Padamkant Dwivedi, Advocate and
Ms. Ayushi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing the impugned instructions dated 26.10.2004 (Annexure P-1) and for quashing the impugned charge sheets dated 07.03.2018 (Annexures P-2 & P-3).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that the impugned charge sheets dated 07.03.2018 (Annexures P-2 & P-3) were issued to the petitioners alleging loss on account of less storage gain during dispatch of stocks of wheat during crop year 2013-14 and is purportedly based upon instructions dated 26.10.2004 (Annexure P-1), which prescribe arbitrary norms for storage gain without any scientific basis. The issue of storage gain has already been conclusively examined by this Court in **CWP-27725-2013**, titled as ***Punjab State Warehousing Corporation Field Employees Union versus Union of India and others***, decided on 14.05.2025 (Annexure P-6), and the

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case of the petitioners is squarely covered by the ratio laid down therein. It is further submitted that the instructions dated 26.10.2004 (Annexure P-1) stand superseded by subsequent instructions dated 30.05.2022; however, the respondents are still relying upon the superseded instructions, rendering the impugned action arbitrary and unsustainable.

3. Learned counsel further relies upon the order passed by this Court in **CWP-37599-2025 and connected matters**, titled as ***Sachin Kumar and others Versus Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (PUNSUP)***, decided on 22.12.2025 (Annexure P-9) in which charge sheets were quashed and set aside and the respondent therein was granted liberty to issue fresh charge sheet in terms of ***Punjab State Warehousing Corporation Field Employees Union's case (supra)***.

4. On the other hand, Mr. Briz Mohan, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent-PUNSUP and files his memorandum of appearance in the Court today which is taken on record. He could not controvert the fact that the entire disciplinary proceedings issued against the petitioner are based upon the instructions dated 26.10.2004 regarding storage which fix arbitrary norms for storage gain without any scientific basis and also could not controvert the judgment relied upon by the petitioner in ***Punjab State Warehousing Corporation (supra)***.

5. In view of the above, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The impugned charge sheets dated 07.03.2018 (Annexures P-2 & P-3) are hereby quashed and set aside. However, the respondent(s) would be at liberty to issue a fresh show cause notice/charge



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sheet in terms of *Punjab State Warehousing Corporation Field Employees Union’s case (supra)*.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No