



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

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CWP-16390-2026

Date of Decision : **May 22, 2026**

RAJESH KUMAR

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA

Present : Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

1. In the present writ petition, the petitioner is praying for issuance of a direction to the respondents to re-allot the ration depot to the petitioner which was cancelled vide order dated 25.08.2015 passed by respondent No.4 (Annexure P-1).

2. The perusal of the facts of the present case would show that the petitioner was running a ration depot at Bhargo Camp, Jalandhar, which was allotted to him under the Scheduled Caste Category. However, a dispute arose between the partners and vide letter dated 18.12.2014, the license of the ration depot was suspended, on account of dispute between the partners. It transpires that as the dispute between the partners could not be resolved, as such, the abovesaid licence was subsequently cancelled vide order dated 25.08.2015 passed by Respondent No.4. Aggrieved against the abovesaid order, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Rohit Ahuja, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that in light of the letter dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-3), the respondents be directed to consider the case of the petitioner for re-allotment of the ration depot.

6. The learned State counsel submits that a perusal of the letter dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-3) would show that there is no mention that the petitioner is entitled for re-allotment of the ration depot. As per the abovesaid letter, the petitioner is at liberty to apply for allotment of a new ration depots whenever any vacancy/notice for allotment of depots is issued by the Department.

7. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties, a perusal of the facts of the present case would show that it is not in dispute that the license granted to the petitioner was cancelled on 25.08.2015. A perusal of the letter dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-3) would show that it is always open for the petitioner to apply for allotment of a new ration depot whenever vacancy arises. No document or any relevant rules have been brought to the notice of this Court which entitles the petitioner for re-allotment of the ration depot.

8. Taking into consideration the abovesaid facts, this Court finds no merit in the present writ petition. Accordingly, the present writ petition is dismissed. However, it is always open to the petitioner to apply for allotment of ration depot, if eligible, in terms of the fresh public notice issued by the respondents.

9. Pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of accordingly.

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No