

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR****WPC No. 1761 of 2024**

- Santosh Kumar Sahu S/o Shri Baldau Ram Sahu Aged About 45 Years Occupation - Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Fandwani, R/o Village Fandwani, Police Station, Tahsil And District Mungeli (C.G.) Mobile No. 9755992821

**---- Petitioner****Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Raipur, Police Station Rakhi, Tahsil And District Raipur (C.G.)
2. Collector (Co-Operative Branch) Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh
3. Managing Director Chhattisgarh State Co-Operative Marketing Federation Limited, 6th Floor, Tower-C, Commercial Complex Cbd, Sector 21, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
4. Assistant Registrar Co-Operative Societies Mungeli, Tahsil And District Mungeli (C.G.)
5. District Marketing Officer Chhattisgarh Rajya Sahkari Vipadan Sangh Maryadit Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh
6. Nodal Officer Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh.

**---- Respondents****WPC No. 1763 of 2024**

- Manharan Lal Yadav S/o Shri Panchram Yadav Aged About 58 Years Occupation - Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Bhatgaon, R/o Village Bhatgaon, Police Station Mungeli, Tahsil Pathariya, District Mungeli (C.G.) Mobile No. 9691048624.

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6. Nodal Officer Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh.

**---- Respondents****WPC No. 1765 of 2024**

- Sitaram Choudhary S/o Shri Hiradhar Choudhary Aged About 48 Years Occupation Manager (Samiti Prabandhak) Prathmik Krishi Sakh Sahakari Samiti Maryadit Rohina, Registration No.885, R/o Village Bhounradadar, Thana, Tahsil And Block Basna, District : Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh. **---- Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Co-Operative Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Capital Complex, Atal Nagar New Raipur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
2. Managing Director Markfed, Chhattisgarh Raipur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
3. Collector Mahasamund, District : Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh
4. District Co-Operative Markfed Officer Mahasamund, District : Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh
5. Deputy Registrar Co-Operative Society Mahasamund, District : Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh
6. Branch Manager Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Raipur, Branch Bhanwarpur, District : Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh. **---- Respondents**

**WPC No. 1770 of 2024**

- Hare Krishna Banjare S/o Shri Ramlal Banjare Aged About 46 Years Occupation Manager (Samiti Prabandhak) Prathmik Krishi Sakh Sahakari Samiti Maryadit Salkhan, Registration No. 859 R/o Village- Mungadih, Thana, Tahsil And Block- Basna, District - Mahasamund (C.G.). **---- Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary , Co-Operative Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Capital Complex, Atal Nagar New Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)
2. Managing Director, Markfed, Chhattisgarh Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)
3. Collector Mahasamund District Mahasamund (C.G.)
4. District Co - Operative Markfed Officer Mahasamund, District - Mahasamund (C.G.)
5. Deputy Registrar Co-Operativ Society, Mahasamund , District Mahasamund (C.G.)
6. Branch Manager, Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Raipur, Branch Bhanwarpur District Mahasamund (C.G.). **---- Respondents**

**WPC No. 1772 of 2024**

- Sanjay Jaiswal S/o Shri Vasudev Jaiswal, Aged About 44 Years Occupation-Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Kodwamahant, R/o Raja Colony Lormi, Police Station And Tahsil-Lormi, District-Mungeli (C.G.) Mo. No. 7898877528.

**---- Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Raipur, Police Station-Rakhi, Tahsil And District Raipur (Cg)

2. Collector (Co-Operative Branch) Mungeli, District Mungeli (C.G.)
3. Managing Director, Chhattisgarh State Co-Operative Marketing Federation Limited, 6th Floor, Tower-C, Commercial Complex Cbd, Sector 21, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)
4. Assistant Registrar, Co-Operative Societies Mungeli, Tahsil And District Mungeli (C.G.)
5. District Marketing Officer, Chhattisgarh Rajya Sahkari Vipanana Sangh Maryadit Mungeli, District Mungeli (C.G.)
6. Nodal Officer, Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli, District Mungeli (C.G.).

---- Respondents

**WPC No. 1775 of 2024**

- Parmeshwar Kashyap S/o Late Jagdish Ram Kashyap Aged About 36 Years Occupation Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Masni, R/o Village Batha, Police Station Jarhagaon, Tahsil Lalpur, District Mungeli (C.G.) Mobile No. 8889442843.

---- Petitioner

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Raipur, Police Station Rakhi, Tahsil And District Raipur (C.G.)
2. Collector (Co-Operative Branch) Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh
3. Managing Director Chhattisgarh State Co-Operative Marketing Federation Limited, 6th Floor, Tower-C, Commercial Complex Cbd, Sector 21, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
4. Assistant Registrar Co-Operative Societies Mungeli, Tahsil And District Mungeli (C.G.)
5. District Marketing Officer Chhattisgarh Rajya Sahkari Vipadan Sangh Maryadit Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh
6. Nodal Officer Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondents

**WPC No. 1776 of 2024**

- Jai Prakash Chandrakar S/o Shri Ishwar Chandrakar Aged About 45 Years Occupation Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Raitrakala , R/o Village Salheghori, Police Station - Faterpur, Tahsil - Lormi, District - Mungeli, (C.G.) Mo. No. 6266961080.

---- Petitioner

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Raipur, Police Station - Rakhi Tahsil And District Raipur (C.G.)
2. Collector (Co-Operative Branch) Mungeli, District Mungeli (C.G.)
3. Managing Director, Chhattisgarh State Co-Operative Marketing Federation Limited 6th Floor, Tower - C Commercial Complex Cbd, Sector 21, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur,

District Raipur (C.G.)

4. Assistant Registrar Co- Operative Societies Mungeli Tahsil And District Mungeli (C.G.)
5. District Marketing Officer Chhattisgarh Rajya Sahkari Vipadan Sangh Maryadit Mungeli , District Mungeli (C.G.)
6. Nodal Officer, Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli, District Mungeli (C.G.).

---- Respondents

**WPC No. 1778 of 2024**

- Rampad Kashyap S/o Shri Purshottam Kashyap Aged About 49 Years Occupation Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Vicharpur ,r/o Village Lalpur Kala, Police Station - Lormi , Tahsil Lalpur, District Mungeli (C.G.) Mo No. 6268906156

---- Petitioner

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Raipur, Police Station - Rakhi Tahsil And District Raipur (C.G.)
2. Collector (Co-Operative Branch) Mungeli, District Mungeli (C.G.)
3. Managing Director, Chhattisgarh State Co-Operative Marketing Federation Limited 6th Floor, Tower - C Commercial Complex Cbd, Sector 21, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (C.G.)
4. Assistant Registrar Co- Operative Societies Mungeli Tahsil And District Mungeli (C.G.)
5. District Marketing Officer Chhattisgarh Rajya Sahkari Vipadan Sangh Maryadit Mungeli, District Mungeli (C.G.).
6. Nodal Officer, Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli, District Mungeli (C.G.)

---- Respondents

**WPC No. 1781 of 2024**

- Devi Singh Rajput Shri Punaram Rajput, Aged About 60 Years Occupation- Incharge Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Gidha, R/o Behind Bank Of Baroda, Bilaspur Road Mungeli, Police Station, Tahsil And Distirct Mungeli (Cg) Mo. No. 9993232620.

---- Petitioner

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Raipur, Police Station - Rakhi, Tahsil And District Raipur (C.G.)
2. Collector (Co-Operative Branch) Mungeli, District Mungeli (Cg.)
3. Managing Director, Chhattisgarh State Co-Operative Marketing Federation Limited, 6th Floor, Tower-C, Commercial Complex Cbd, Sector 21, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur, District Raipur (Cg)

4. Assistant Registrar, Co-Operative Societies Mungeli, Tahsil And District Mungeli (Cg)
5. District Marketing Officer, Chhattisgarh Rajya Sahkari Vipadan Sangh Maryadit Mungeli, District Mungeli (Cg)
6. Nodal Officer, Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli, District Mungeli (Cg).

---- Respondents

**WPC No. 1783 of 2024**

- Bharat Singh Rajput S/o- Shri Salika Singh Rajput, Aged About 39 Years Occupation- Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Kodawa,, R/o- Village Kodwa, Police Station- Lalpur, Tahsil And District- Mungeli, ( C.G.). Mo. No. 97547551818

---- Petitioner

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through- Secretary, Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Raipur, Police Station- Rakhi, Tahsil And District- Raipur (C.G).
2. Collector, ( Co Operative Branch) Mungeli, District- Mungeli (C.G.).
3. Managing Director, Chhattisgarh. State Co- Operative Marketing Federation Limited, 6th Floor, Tower- C, Commercial Complex Cbd, Sector 21, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur, District- Raipur (C.G.).
4. Assistant Registrar, Co- Operative Societies Mungeli Tahsil And District- Mungeli (C.G.).
5. District- Marketing Officer, Chhattisgarh Rajya Sahkari Vipadan Sangh Maryadit Mungeli, District- Mungeli (C.G.).
6. Nodal Officer, Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli, District- Mungeli (C.G.).

---- Respondents

**WPC No. 1784 of 2024**

- Ravikant Chandrakar S/o Late Nandram Chandrakar Aged About 55 Years Occupation - Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Lagra, R/o Village Lagra, Police Station Fasteerpur, Tahsil Lormi, District Mungeli (C.G.) Mo. No. 9630008024

---- Petitioner

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Raipur, Police Station Rakhi, Tahsil And District Raipur (C.G.)
2. Collector (Co-Operative Branch) Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh
3. Managing Director Chhattisgarh State Co-Operative Marketing Federation Limited, 6th Floor, Tower-C, Commercial Complex Cbd, Sector 21, Atal Nagar Nawa Raipur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
4. Assistant Registrar Co-Operative Societies Mungeli, Tahsil And District Mungeli (C.G.)

5. District Marketing Officer Chhattisgarh Rajya Sahkari Vipadan Sangh Maryadit Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh
6. Nodal Officer Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh. **---- Respondents**

**WPC No. 1786 of 2024**

- Rajesh Kumar Yadav S/o Uttamlal Yadav, Aged About 36 Years Occupation Manager (Sanstha Prbandhak) Seva Sahakari Samiti Maryadit, Nirtu, Registration No. 696, R/o Village Devri, Post And P.S. Pandhi, District Bilaspur Chhattisgarh. **---- Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary Department Of Food, Civil Supplies Consumer Protection Mantralay, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur,, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
2. Managing Director -C.G. State Market Federation Maryadit, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
3. The Collector, Bilaspur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
4. District Cooperative Central Bank Limited, Through Its Chief Executive Officer, District Cooperative Central Bank Limited, Bilaspur, District : Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
5. Nodal Officer, District Cooperative Central Bank Limited, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
6. District Marketing Officer, Bilaspur, District : Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. **---- Respondents**

**WPC No. 1787 of 2024**

- Banshi Lal Sahu S/o Late Kejaram Sahu Aged About 57 Years Occupation - Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Baki, R/o Village Nirjam, Police Station, Tahsil And District Mungeli (C.G.) Mo. No. 9926728762. **---- Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Raipur, Police Station Rakhi, Tahsil And District Raipur (C.G.)
2. Collector (Co-Operative Branch) Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh
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6. Nodal Officer Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli, District : Mungeli, Chhattisgarh. **---- Respondents**

**WPC No. 1788 of 2024**

- Manoj Kumar Kashyap S/o Shri Shatruhan Prasad Kashyap, Aged About 43 Years

Occupation Manager Cum Incharge Of Paddy Procurement Center Teliyapuran, R/o Teliyapuran, Police Station Jarhagaon, Tahsil Lalpur District Mungeli Chhattisgarh. Mo. No. 8085827300. **---- Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department Of Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Protection, Mahanadi Bhawan, New Mantralaya, Atal Nagar Raipur Police Station Rakhi, Tahsil And, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
2. Colletor (Co-Operative Branch) Mungeli, District Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
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4. Assistant Registrar, Co-Operative Societies Mungeli, Tahsil And District Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
5. District Marketing Officer Chhattisgarh Rajya Sahkari Vipadan Sangh Maryadit Mungeli District Mungeli Chhattisgarh.
6. Nodal Officer, Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Branch Mungeli District Mungeli Chhattisgarh.

**---- Respondents**

**WPC No. 1789 of 2024**

- Jitendra Kumar Patel S/o Shri Ravi Lal Patel Aged About 41 Years Occupation Manager (Samiti Prabandhak) Prathmik Krishi Sakh Sahakari Samiti Maryadit Chanat, Registration No.866, R/o Village Chanat, Thana, Tahsil And Block Basna, District : Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh. **---- Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Co-Operative Department, Mahanadi Bhawan, Capital Complex, Atal Nagar, New Raipur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
2. Managing Director Markfed, Chhattisgarh Raipur, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
3. Collector Mahasamund, District : Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh
4. District Co-Operative Markfed Officer Mahasamund, District : Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh
5. Deputy Registrar Co-Operative Society Mahasamund, District : Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh
6. Branch Manager Zila Sahkari Kendriya Bank Maryadit Raipur Branch Pirda, District : Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh. **---- Respondents**

(Cause Title is taken from Case Information System)

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**Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey**

**Order on Board**

**28.03.2024**

1. The above captioned Writ Petitions involve common questions of law and facts therefore, they were heard together and are being disposed of by this common order.
2. The above-mentioned Writ Petitions have been preferred by Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies through their Managers seeking therein direction(s) to respondent authorities to lift the paddy from paddy procurement centres.
3. The facts in a nutshell are that the State Government took the decision to purchase paddy at respective paddy procurement centres directly from farmers and a tripartite agreement was entered into between the CG. State Co-operative Marketing Federation, District Co-operative Central Bank Ltd. and Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies in the months of October-November, 2023. The managers of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies engaged themselves or appointed their representatives to purchase paddy from farmers at paddy procurement centres. According to the terms and conditions of the agreements, the CG. State Co-operative Marketing Federation had to lift the buffer stock within an outer limit of 72 hours or up to 28.02.2024. The last date

of the paddy purchase was 04.02.2024. Storage, purchase process, computerization etc. was to be done by the Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies. The grievance of the petitioners is that the buffer stock was purchased by the respective paddy procurement centres but the paddy was not lifted by the CG. State Cooperative Marketing Federation within the agreed period. It is further stated that non-lifting of paddy may cause a shortage in quantity of paddy and the petitioners have an apprehension that respondent authorities may initiate penal proceedings against them. The petitioners have further pleaded that various representations were made to the respondent authorities but no heed was paid.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners would argue that the CG. State Co-operative Marketing Federation was under the obligation to lift the paddy by 28.02.2024 and in the case of buffer stock, the paddy had to be lifted within 72 hours. They would further submit that despite repeated reminders the CG. State Co-operative Marketing Federation failed to take any steps to lift the paddy from respective paddy procurement centres. It is also argued that paddy was purchased by the centres with permissible moisture of 16-18% but by efflux of time, there may be some shortage in the weight of paddy on account of dryness and at the time of the audit, objection may be raised and consequently, action may be taken against the in-charge(s) of the paddy procurement centres or their managers. It is prayed that appropriate direction may be issued to respondent authorities to lift the paddy immediately.
5. On the other hand, learned counsels for the CG. State Co-operative Marketing Federation would submit that directions have been issued to District Marketing Officers (DMOs) of the CG. Co-operative State Marketing Federation and District Collectors to lift the paddy from paddy procurement centres as early as possible. It is argued that necessary directions in this regard have been issued. They would further submit that a permissible shortage of up to 1% of paddy is

permissible as per the circular issued by the Central Government. They would also submit that the State Government issues circular in this regard every year and in the last year, permissible shortage was 3% as per the circular issued by the State Government. He would also add that there hasn't been a special circular published in this regard this year.

6. Learned Panel Lawyers appearing for the State would submit that directions have been issued by the Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Protection (CG.) on 15.03.2024 and all the District Marketing Officers of CG. State Co-operative Marketing Federation and District Collectors to lift the paddy from the paddy procurement centres and in this regard, a chart has been prepared. They would further submit that appropriate action shall be taken to lift the paddy from the paddy procurement centres. They would argue that the State Government will make the proper decision regarding the shortage by the dryness.
7. Learned counsel appearing for District Co-operative Central Banks would submit that according to the terms and conditions of the agreement, the CG. State Marketing Federation ought to have lifted paddy within the agreed period.
8. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the documents placed on record.
9. Today, during the course of the argument, a letter issued by the Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Protection (CG.) has been placed on record which reveals that the District Marketing Officers of the CG. State Co-operative Marketing Federation and the Collectors have been directed to look into the matter and take appropriate steps for the lifting of paddy from paddy procurement centres. A chart has also been annexed to this letter. It appears that after filing these petitions, the State Government has taken steps

to lift the paddy from paddy procurement centres. It is assured by learned counsel for the State and counsel appearing for the CG. State Co-operative Marketing Federation that appropriate action shall be taken by the authorities to lift the paddy from paddy procurement centres at the earliest, therefore, the first part of the grievance of the petitioners is hereby settled. Respondent authorities are directed to lift the paddy from paddy procurement centres as early as possible preferably within a period of 30 days from today.

10. With regard to shortage on account of dryness as stated by learned counsels for Marketing Federation and the State, no specific order/circular has been issued by the State Government, therefore the petitioners would be at liberty to make representation(s) before the State authorities assigning their grievances. The State Government and the CG. Co-operative State Marketing Federation are directed to take a decision on such representation(s) in an objective manner taking into account the difficulties of the petitioners preferably within a period of 30 days. The authorities are directed to consider all the grounds raised by petitioners in their representation(s).

11. The present Writ Petitions are disposed of in accordance with the aforementioned observation(s) and directive(s).

Sd/-  
**(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)**  
Judge