



Government of Haryana/हरियाणा सरकार
Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs
खाद्य, नागरिक आपूर्ति तथा उपभोक्ता मामले निदेशालय

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ORDER

Whereas; disciplinary proceedings under Rule 7 of the Haryana Civil Services (Punishment & Appeal) Rules, 1987 were initiated against Sh. Jagat Pal, AFSO vide charge-sheet Memo No. SB-I-SRS-I-2015/18067 dated 25.05.2015, in respect of alleged irregularities relating to the storage and upkeep of wheat stocks during his posting at Dabawali Centre, Sirsa, during the years 2012-13 and 2013-14. The allegations against the charged officer primarily related to failure to ensure proper storage and upkeep of wheat stocks, resulting in approximately 1,478 MT of wheat not being maintained in sound and prescribed storage conditions. The value of the damaged wheat was assessed at approximately ₹1,81,67,890/-.

And whereas; upon receipt of the written statements of defence from the charged officials, a regular departmental inquiry under Rule 7 of the Haryana Civil Services (Punishment & Appeal) Rules, 1987 was ordered in respect of the three serving officials. The inquiry was conducted by Sh. R.P. Bhasin, Retired Judge, who submitted his Inquiry Report on 01.08.2016. The Inquiry Officer held that the allegations framed in the charge-sheets stood proved.

And whereas; the charged officer was afforded an opportunity of personal hearing on 29.07.2026 at 12:00 noon. During the personal hearing, the charged officer reiterated the submissions made in his written statement of defence and contended that the findings of the Inquiry Officer were contrary to the evidence produced during the inquiry. He submitted that during the procurement season 2012-13, continuous rainfall resulted in excessive moisture content in the wheat, due to which the wheat had to be procured and stored on open plinths under adverse weather conditions. Since the wheat remained stored in the open for more than two years, deterioration in its quality was inevitable. He further stated that the Food Corporation of India (FCI) failed to lift the wheat on priority, due to which the wheat was ultimately declared non-issuable in June 2014.

The charged officer further submitted that his duties were primarily limited to conducting periodic inspections of the wheat stocks. After each inspection, he issued necessary directions to the inspection staff for proper preservation and upkeep of the stock, and sincere efforts were made to maintain the wheat in safe condition. However, there was a practical limitation on preserving wheat stored in the open, particularly when the stock had already exceeded its safe storage period. He, therefore, contended

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that no officer or official of the centre could reasonably be held responsible for the deterioration of a portion of the wheat stock caused by prolonged storage and adverse weather conditions.

After careful consideration of the material available on record (the charge-sheet, written statement, Inquiry report & submissions made during the personal hearing), it is found that the reply of the official is satisfactory. Hence, it would be appropriate that charge-sheet issued to Sh. JagatPal vide Memo No. SB-I-SRS-I-2015/18069 dated 25.05.2015 may be dropped.

I, order accordingly.

Dated, Chandigarh
29.07.2026

ANSHAJ SINGH, IAS
Director General, Food Civil Supplies
& Consumer Affairs Department, Haryana

Endst. No. 4E(1)-2026/ 16633

Dated, Chandigarh, the 09-09-2026

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Sh. Jagat Pal, AFSO through DFSC, Sirsa.
2. Distt. Food & Supplies Controller Sirsa.
3. Deputy Supdt. (Storage).
4. Smt. Sikha, Junior Programmer, for uploading the order on departmental website
5. PS/DGFS/SSS/AD Admn. (For kind information of Worthy DGFS & AD Admn.)

Deputy Director (Estt. III.)
for Director General, Food Civil Supplies
& Consumer Affairs Department Haryana