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Y S. Ratra

Subject: Registration of cases pertaining to misappropriation of paddy stocks.

My dear,

- This is in continuation of my earlier d.o. letter No. 21005-06 dated 21.09.2002, wherein I had requested you to book unscrupulous rice millers who have misappropriated huge quantities of paddy stored with them of the State Procuring Agencies.

It has been brought to my notice that while investigating cases, the Vigilance Bureau has registered cases against the officials of the procuring agencies as well, on the plea of joint custody with the rice millers, as mentioned in the agreements executed with them. I would like to point out, in this context that joint custody with the miller is only notional, as the de-facto possession remains only with the millers. Thus, involving officers of the procurement agencies by the investigating agency while investigating cases against the millers seems to be misconceived and fallacious, because for all intents and purposes, the paddy is under the control of the millers as it is stored in their premises. I would also like to bring to your notice the judgment dated 18.07.2000 in the case titled State Vs. Mohinder Parkash and others FIR No.100 of 05.04.1998 U/s 4.6 IPC P.S. Kotwall Barnala, delivered by the Court of CJM, Barnala, which has laid that where the miller had removed the stocks of paddy with intent of misappropriation without the consent of the procure-

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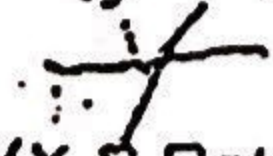
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I suggest that you issue necessary directions to the concerned officers to avoid unnecessary harassment to the officials of the procurement agencies and not involve them in these cases without any reasonable justification.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Y.S. Ratra)


Sh.S.K.Sinha,
Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Vigilance Bureau,
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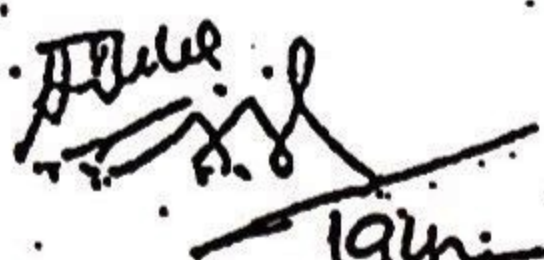
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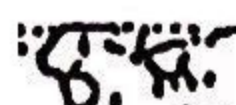
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