

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

Civil Writ Petition No. 1143 of 2015(O&M)

Date of Decision: March 20 , 2015.

Balwan and others

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... RESPONDENT (s)

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.J.VAZIFDAR, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL**

Present: Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Mamta Singhal Talwar, AAG, Haryana.

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reports or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

S.J.VAZIFDAR, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE(Oral)

The petitioners have challenged the establishment of the liquor shop run by respondents No.7 and 8. The petitioners contend that the same is contrary to the Excise Policy for the year 2013-15 and the Haryana Liquor License Rules, 1970.

2. The license comes to an end in ten days. It is not necessary to consider the rival contentions in this writ petition. We, therefore, do not consider it necessary

to adjourn the matter in order to enable the respondents to file replies. However, in view of the nature of the activity and in view of the allegations that the vend is near a bus stop, the petitioners' contention cannot for all time to come to be negated only on the ground of delay and laches.

3. In the circumstances, the ends of justice would be met by directing the respondents to consider the renewal of the permission after dealing with the contentions raised by the petitioners'. The petitioners' representative shall be entitled to be heard before any renewal of the license. The petitioners' representative shall attend the office of Deputy Excise and Taxation Commissioner on 25.03.2015 at 11 A.M. The Deputy Excise and Taxation Commissioner shall also hear any other concerned party including respondents No.7 and 8 before passing any order. A copy of this order shall be served by the petitioners on respondents No.7 and 8 forthwith.

4. The writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

(S.J.VAZIFDAR)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

March 20, 2015.
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