

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

CWP No. 366 of 2015

DATE OF DECISION : 12.01.2015

Aditya Bhatara

.... PETITIONER

Versus

The State of Punjab and another

.... RESPONDENTS

CORAM :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH KUMAR MITTAL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. Joginder Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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SATISH KUMAR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

This is second writ petition filed by the petitioner on the same cause of action, i.e. seeking directions to the respondents to upgrade Civil Hospital, Nakodar, which was started in the year 1983 with 50 beds. The earlier writ petition (CWP No. 14698 of 2013) filed by the petitioner was disposed of vide order dated 12.07.2013 (Annexure P-1), while making the following observations :

“The petition has been filed, styled as PIL, for upgradation of the Civil Hospital, Nakodar from a 50 bed hospital to a 100 bed hospital. Even though there can be no doubt about the responsibility of the State to provide adequate health facilities, as to how the budget allocation has to be made for different activities under the Ministry of Health of the State, is the matter which the State is to address. Whether the hospital in question has to be upgraded or

there is some other more urgent need of setting up another hospital is a matter of allocation of funds.

Not only the aforesaid, we have a democratic system right from Panchayti system to municipal authorities to the MLA and the Members of Parliament. They are elected representatives of the people. Citizens have elected them. They must approach them for redressal of such grievances. The only thing we can find in the present petition is that on a representation, a report was called for from the Director, Health and Family Welfare Department vide Annexure P-5.

In view of the aforesaid, the concerned department may examine the feasibility of upgradation of the hospital in question keeping in mind the requirements and priorities.

The petition accordingly stands disposed of.”

Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the said order, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 05.11.2014 (Annexure P-3) to the respondents, which is still pending with the authorities.

In view of the aforesaid position, we are not inclined to entertain this petition and dismiss the same with liberty to the petitioner to pursue the said representation with the Government for upgrading Civil Hospital, Nakodar.

**(SATISH KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

January 12, 2015
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**(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**