

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 20331 of 2005 (O&M)
Date of decision: 16.3.2016

Prem Chand and others

.. Petitioners

v.

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: None for the petitioners.

Ms. Munisha Gandhi, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab with
Ms. Harleen Kaur, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

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Rajesh Bindal J.

This order will dispose of CWP Nos. 20331 of 2005 and 14030 of 2006, as common questions of law and facts are involved.

However, facts have been extracted from CWP No. 20331 of 2005.

The petitioners are working as Stamp Vendors licensees at Bhatinda. They have filed the present petition for restraining the respondents from issuing any further licences as Stamp Vendors. The plea raised in the reply filed by the respondents is that with the passage of time on account of increase of work load pertaining to registration of documents, more Stamp Vendors were required, hence, the number was increased. No fault can be found with the decision taken by the respondents in allowing more licences of Stamp Vendors considering the increase in the work load.

It is further relevant to note that the writ petition pertains to the year 2005. Operation of the impugned notification was stayed on 17.4.2006, however, at the time of admission of the writ petition on 3.8.2006, interim stay was vacated, meaning thereby new persons have been granted licences and they are operating.

Considering the aforesaid fact, in our opinion, there is no merit in the present petitions. However, as none has appeared for the writ petitioners, the writ petitions are dismissed for non-prosecution.

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge

(Harinder Singh Sidhu)
Judge

16.3.2016
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