

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

CWP-3069-2015

Decided on : 11.07.2016

Ranjeet Goyal

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.J. VAZIFDAR,
 ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr.Akshay Bhan, Senior Advocate, with
 Mr.Alok Mittal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.Amar Vivek, Addl.A.G., Haryana.

S.J. VAZIFDAR, A.C.J. (Oral)

The petitioner has sought a writ of certiorari to quash an order dated 21.03.2014, passed by the Director Mines & Geology, Haryana and an order cancelling his bid and declaring the entire auction process to be illegal and *void ab initio*.

2. The respondents had by a notice dated 30.11.2013 notified the auction of minor mineral blocks/units in three districts on the terms & conditions mentioned therein. The petitioner's bid being the highest was accepted. A letter of intent dated 03.01.2014 was issued. The petitioner, however, now contends that the land actually available for mining is less than the area mentioned in the auction notice. This contention is based *inter alia* on the ground that a part of the land that was auctioned is *abadi*

and on other parts of the land there are various structures including tubewells and shrines. The petitioner further contends that parts of the land are inhabited and agricultural and other activities are being carried out thereon. This, therefore, according to the petitioner reduces the area available for the mining.

3. The case is admittedly covered against the petitioner in view of the judgment of a Division Bench of this Court dated 02.06.2016 to which one of us (S.J. Vazifdar, Acting Chief Justice) was a member in three writ petitions the first of which is the case of M/s Planet Steels Private Ltd. Vs. State of Haryana and others (CWP-19549-2015). In view thereof this petition is liable to be dismissed.

4. It is not necessary, therefore, for us to consider the other contentions raised by the respondent including that one of the documents relied upon by the petitioner is fabricated and that the issues raised in the writ petition were not raised before the authorities.

5. The petition is, therefore, dismissed.

[S.J. VAZIFDAR]
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

11.07.2016

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JUDGE