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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 905 of 2016 (O&M)

Decided on: 15.01.2016

M/s Vikas Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

**CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal
Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Raj Rahul Garg**

Present: Mr. Vikram Jain, Advocate
For the petitioner.

Ajay Kumar Mittal, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking quashing of Annexure P-1 dated 08.01.2016 passed by Collector (Excise)-cum-Deputy Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Patiala whereby the license of the entire Group of M.C. Lehragaga, District Sangrur was suspended for a period of one month w.e.f. 09.01.2016 to 07.02.2016.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that petitioner had impugned the aforesaid order (Annexure-1) by way of an appeal before the appellate authority along with an application for grant of interim relief but no order so far has been passed thereon. It was urged that similar orders were passed by the respondent No. 4 in certain other cases which have been impugned by those licensees before the appellate authority in which interim stay was granted by the appellate authority on 09.01.2016. A prayer was made for interim stay or in the alternative to direct the appellate authority to decide the stay application expeditiously within time bound frame.

3. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner, perusing the present petition and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the controversy, we dispose of the present petition by directing the appellate authority to decide the application for interim stay on or before 20.01.2016 in accordance with law by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

(AJAY KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE

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(RAJ RAHUL GARG)
JUDGE