

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

CWP No. 14341 of 2011

Date of decision : 03.10.2017

Shri Durga Publicity Services

....Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab & ors.

....Respondent

BEFORE : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Rajiv Atma Ram, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Arjun Pratap Atma Ram, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harsimran Singh Sethi, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

Mr. A.K. Bazaz, Advocate for respondents no. 2 & 3.

RAJAN GUPTA J.

Pursuant to order dated September 27, 2017, Ms. Vimmi Bhullar, Joint Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government is present in court. Learned State counsel seeks to place on record her affidavit. Prayer is accepted. Affidavit is taken on record. Referring to same, Mr. Sethi, submits that in terms of agreement, Annexure P2, Clause 2(b) thereof, contract with the petitioner would expire on 17.10.2017 and petitioner would be allowed to continue till then.

In view of above, Mr. Atma Ram, learned senior counsel submits that he may be given liberty to seek alternative remedy in terms of order dated 08.05.2017 for grant of any claim/relief which may subsist. Liberty is granted which may be availed as per law.

This petition is, thus, disposed of. It, however, appears that earlier a statement was made on behalf of the Corporation that the contract

would subsist only till 17.07.2017. From the affidavit filed by the

Department of Local Government, it is clear that this statement was made on behalf of the Corporation without referring to the contract/agreement. This court hopes and trusts that affairs of the Corporation are closely monitored by Local Government Department in future to ensure that incorrect statements are not made before this court, as has happened in the instant case.

October 03, 2017
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(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No