

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

**CWP No. 11996 of 2017
Decided on : 22.11.2017**

Vikas Gupta

. . . Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY KUMAR MITTAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT RAWAL**

PRESENT: Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Kartik Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rameeza Hakeem, Addl. AG, Punjab.

AJAY KUMAR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, *inter alia*, for quashing the E-Auction conducted by the respondents on 19.05.2017 in furtherance of E-Auction Notice/Public Notice dated 03rd May, 2017 (Annexure P-2) with regard to the mining site located in Gurchak (Gurdaspur). Besides above, a prayer for direction to the respondents to re-conduct the E-Auction process for the aforesaid mining site has also been made.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that during the pendency of the present writ petition, E-Auction notice dated 03rd May, 2017 (Annexure P-2), which was the subject matter of challenge in the present writ petition, has been withdrawn vide letter dated 08th August, 2017 (Annexure R-1). It was, however, stated by the learned counsel for the petitioner that in view of the additional affidavit filed by the State, the withdrawal of the aforesaid E-Auction notice is under challenge in CWP No. 18835 of 2017. Accordingly, a prayer was made that the present writ

petition has been rendered infructuous and may be disposed of as such.

However, liberty be granted to the petitioner to file an application for revival of the writ petition, in case any order affecting the rights of the petitioner is passed in the aforesaid writ petition i.e. in CWP No. 18835 of 2017 and the bunch of other writ petitions.

3. Disposed of as infructuous. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to move an application for revival of the present writ petition, in case something survives therein after the decision of CWP No. 18835 of 2017 and other connected writ petitions.

(AJAY KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE

(AMIT RAWAL)
JUDGE

November 22, 2017

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No