

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

CWP No.3095 of 2013 (O&M)  
Date of decision : 17.02.2017

Apra Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT RAWAL.**

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Advocate for respondent No.1-UOI.

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**AMIT RAWAL, J. (Oral)**

There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner.

Position was different on the last date of hearing also. On other occasions also, there is no appearance.

Grievance of the petitioner in the present writ petition is for issuance of direction to the respondent No.4 to regularize the temporary water connection and also quashing of the communication dated 15.12.2012, whereby disconnection of the temporary water supply connection has been ordered.

In the reply, it has been submitted that military water supply line is passing along the road between the area/institution controlled by the Civil Authority and Military Installations/pockets under Military station Patiala. Over a period, certain residents of adjoining civil pocket new officers colony started drawing water from military water supply line. Certain point of time they had deposited certain amount in Government treasury. However over a period, certain new Military Accommodations had also come up in the

military area such as MAP Quarters, Extension of office complexes etc. Military strength also expanded and due to tapping of water from the Military pipe line by the civil residents of new officers colony, most of the military installations are deprived from their authorised supply of water.

Matter was discussed between Military authorities to take decision on disconnection of the water supply. The respondent No.4. in the present writ petition is Garrison Engineer (N) Patiala, Military Engineer Services Sangrur Road Patiala Cantt. Patiala. Once it has been established in view of the reply that water connection was deprived on military land, the petitioner should not have sought direction to regularize water connection rather should applied for fresh water connection to Local Municipal Authority, Municipal Corporation but not in the manner and mode indicated above.

No ground for interference is made out.

Accordingly, present writ petition is dismissed.

In case, the petitioner moves any application for supply of water connection to the Municipal Corporation, Patiala within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order, the Municipal Corporation, Patiala shall consider the same and decide the application within another period of one month after affording opportunities to the parties.

**17.02.2017**

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**(AMIT RAWAL)  
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No**

**Whether reportable:- Yes/No**