

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

**Date of Decision: 09.01.2018**

(i) CWP No. 20482 of 2002 (O&M)

M/s Navdeep Theatres (P)Limited

.....Petitioner

**Versus**

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

(ii) CWP No. 6622 of 2003 (O&M)

M/s Navdeep Theatres (P)Limited

.....Petitioner

**Versus**

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.J.VAZIFDAR, CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN, JUDGE

Present: Mr. Alok Mittal, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

Mr. P.S. Bajwa, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

**S.J. VAZIFDAR, CHIEF JUSTICE**

The petitioner has challenged the orders of respondent No.2 Deputy Commissioner-cum-Licensing Authority, Amritsar dated 15.11.2002 rejecting their applications for reduction of rates of admission tickets in the Cinema Theatres.

These orders are appealable under Section 5(3) of the Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1952, (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act').

Although these petitions have been pending for several years, we are inclined to relegate the petitioner to the alternate remedy of filing an appeal as from the impugned order itself it is evident that various facts would have to be considered, while dealing with the applications for reduction of rates of tickets. For instance comparison of the rates of other

theaters would also have to be taken into consideration. Moreover, the petitioners' contention in support of the applications for reduction of rates would require analysis of the facts.

In the circumstances, both the petitions are disposed of with liberty to the petitioners to avail alternative remedy of appeal under Section 5(3) of the Act.

The appeals shall be decided on merits, if filed by 19.02.2018.

**(S.J. VAZIFDAR)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

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**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No