

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.18004 of 2014 (O&M)
Date of Decision: September 26, 2018

Gurpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA.**

Present: Ms.Puja Chopra, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr.Sandeep Vermani, Additional AG, Punjab.
Mr.Sanjeev Sharma, Advocate, for respondent Nos.2 & 3.
Mr.L.S.Sidhu, Advocate, for private-respondents.

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Surya Kant, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has laid challenge to the auction of shop-sites held on 18.07.2014 at New Sabzi Mandi, Sanour Road, Patiala. His foremost contention is that 39 plots were advertisement but at the time of auction, 56 sites have been sold without giving adequate opportunity to various prospective bidders like him. The petitioner was statedly present at the time of auction alongwith demand draft but was allegedly not permitted to participate in the auction.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the Mandi Board submits that with a view to ensure transparency in auction, services of other Government agency, i.e., Punjab Urban Development Authority were availed to conduct auction and its Additional Chief Administrator personally supervised the auction proceedings which were duly videographed also.

In the light of the above-stated stand taken by the respondents

raised on behalf of the petitioner. However, keeping in view the fact that despite auctioning 56 shops sites, there is more demand and project appears to be viable, it would be prudent for the authorities to give a fresh consideration and identify more sites, if so available and feasible and put them to auction with wide publicity so that bidders like the petitioner participate in fresh auction. It shall be appreciated if such a decision is taken within six months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

[SURYA KANT]
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JUDGE

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