

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

**CWP No. 16911 of 2018
Date of decision: 13.7.2018**

Hari Chand, Advocate

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE**

Present: Petitioner in person.

KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

This petition in the nature of Public Interest Litigation has been filed, seeking Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, to command the respondents to involve Gram Panchayats for identifying the drug addicts in order to save their lives, by persuading their parents to get them admitted in drug de-addiction centres for their treatment.

The petitioner, a member of the Bar, who is appearing in person, submits that Gram Panchayats are better equipped to identify the drug addicts in their areas and they will also be in a better position to persuade the family members of such unfortunate addicts.

We are of the considered opinion that a good cause has been raised by the petitioner in this petition. However, since the desired action is to be taken by the respondents, we feel it appropriate that at the initial level, the concerned authorities may look into the matter, in consultation with the petitioner, to evolve an effective scheme to implement what has been prayed for in this petition.

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Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Additional A.G. Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and assures the Court that various representations made by the petitioner shall be considered by the appropriate authority expeditiously, and in his consultation, an effective scheme would be evolved to sub-serve the purpose of identifying the drug addicts, and persuading them and their family members, for their treatment at the drug de-addiction centres.

In view of the aforesaid statement made by the learned Additional A.G. Punjab, we dispose of this Public Interest Litigation, at this stage, with a direction that the concerned authority may take an appropriate decision expeditiously in this regard, in consultation with the petitioner.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

July 13, 2018
AK Sharma

Whether speaking / reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

YES
NO