

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Date of decision: 12.10.2018

1) CWP-20127-2018 (O & M)

Shri Gopal Gau Dham Charitable Trust (Regd.)

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondent(s)

2) CWP-21305-2018 (O & M)

Maat Pita Gaudham Trust (Regd.)

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondent(s)

3) CWP-21442-2018 (O & M)

Nabha Gaushala Committee village Wazidpur

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondent(s)

4) CWP-23137-2018 (O & M)

Gaushalla Committee (Regd.)

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondent(s)

5) CWP-21442-2018 (O & M)

Nabha Gaushala Committee village Wazidpur

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondent(s)

6) CWP-22376-2018 (O & M)

Shri Gaushala Committee (Regd.)

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondent(s)

7) CWP-21272-2018 (O & M)

Goverdhan Gaushala (Regd.)

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondent(s)

8) CWP-24397-2018 (O & M)

Shri Govind Godham Sewa Samiti (Regd.)

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Sardavinder Goyal, Advocate, and
Mr. Sarwinder Goyal, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Ms. Nisha Puri, Advocate,
for Mr. Adarsh Jain, Advocate,
for the petitioner (in CWP-21442).

Mr. Sahil Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vishal Chaudhri, Advocate, for respondent-PSERC,
(in CWP Nos.20127, 21272, 21305, 22376, 24397 and 23137).

Mr. Sahil Sharma, Advocate,
for respondents No.2 and 3 (in CWP-21442).

Mr. Rahul Sachdeva, Advocate,
for respondent No.4 (in CWP-21272).

Mr. J.S. Brar, Advocate,
for respondents No.3 and 4 (in CWP-21305).

RAJAN GUPTA, J. (Oral)

This order shall dispose of bunch of aforesaid eight writ petitions as similar relief has been sought therein.

Petitioners before this court are Gaushalas who are aggrieved by Commercial Circular No.41/2018, Annexure P-5, whereby supply of free electricity has been denied to the registered Gaushalas in Punjab. It has been urged before the court that though the State is collecting Cow cess from the citizens, yet it has taken a decision not to continue with the Scheme introduced vide Notification, Annexure P-3 for supply of free electricity.

A query has been put to learned State counsel whether the matter can be examined by the concerned authorities, he submits that it can be done by respondents No.1 and 2.

Under the circumstances, these petitions are disposed of with a direction that a Committee comprising the Chief Secretary, Punjab and Chairman of PSPCL shall look into the matter and take appropriate decision.

Learned State counsel ensures the court that recovery of pending dues shall not be effected and supply of electricity shall not be disconnected till the decision is taken by the concerned authorities.

Decision shall be taken within two months from today.

In case of any adverse decision, petitioners shall be at liberty to seek redressal by availing appropriate remedy.

October 12, 2018
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(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No