

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-26443-2018 (O & M)

Date of decision: 12.10.2018

Shri Gow Rakshini Sabha (Regd.)

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Nitin Thatai, Advocate, for the petitioner.

RAJAN GUPTA, J. (Oral)

Petitioner before this court is Gaushala who is aggrieved by Commercial Circular No. 41/2018 Annexure P-10, 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 Commercial Circular No.16/2017, Annexure P-4, for supply of free electricity.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the court, Mr. Sahil Sharma, DAG, Punjab, who is present in court, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

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

Under the circumstances, this petition is disposed of with a direction that a Committee constituting Chief Secretary, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh 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 authority. Decision shall be taken within two months from today.

In case of any adverse decision, petitioner 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