

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

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**Civil Writ Petition No.8525 of 2018
Date of decision: April 25, 2018**

Hari Chand, Advocate

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

***CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY KUMAR MITTAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL***

Present: Mr. Hari Chand, Advocate (Petitioner in-person).

AJAY KUMAR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

1. The prayer in this petition filed by way of public interest litigation under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus or prohibition, restraining the respondents from distributing smart phones, free of costs, to the youth in terms of its announcement dated 27.03.2018(**Annexure P-5**) made by the Chief Minister of Punjab, in Punjab Vidhan Sabha, inter alia, on various grounds, including the deep financial crises through which the respondent-State is currently passing and with further direction to the respondents to resort the austerity measures, for bringing out the State of Punjab from the deep financial crisis.
2. At the outset, the petitioner, who appears in person, submitted that he may be allowed to withdraw the present writ petition

at this stage as no concrete steps have been taken so far. However, a prayer was made by the petitioner that liberty be granted to him to approach this Court in case, need arises.

3. Dismissed as withdrawn at this stage. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to approach this Court again, in case, need so arises.

(AJAY KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No