

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

CWP-(PIL)-18-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 21.01.2019

Gurvinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Indian Oil Corporation Limited and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Akshay Bhan, Senior Advocate,
with Mr. Ashish Kapoor, Advocate,
for respondent No. 1

Mr. Raman Sharma, Advocate,
for respondents No. 2 and 3.

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KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, who purports to have approached this Court in public interest, prays for a writ in the nature of certiorari so as to quash the advertisement dated 24.11.2018 (Annexure P1) vide which 3370 sites have since been advertised by three Oil Corporations (respondents No. 1 to 3) for the purpose of setting up retail outlets for selling petrol and diesel.

2. In short, the grievance of the petitioner is that these sites have been earmarked in breach of the relevant rules as also the manual of the respondents-Oil Corporations on the subject. Further, without determining the feasibility and if these sites would indeed be profit generating, the respondents-Oil Corporations have invited applications from public at large.

3. However, on being pointedly asked, if prior to the institution of this petition the petitioner had even once represented to any of the respondents-Oil Corporations as regards his grievance, he answers in negative. Faced with this, he rather submits that he be permitted to withdraw this petition, at this stage, so as to enable the petitioner to represent to the respondents-Oil Corporations qua his concerns in the first instance.

4. As to this, learned counsel for the respective respondents-Oil corporations, who are present pursuant to the copy of the petition being served upon the respondents, submit that in the event any such representation, as indicated above, is made, the same shall be considered and dealt with by the respondent-authorities.

5. In the wake of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to move the respondents-Oil Corporations with the representation as regards his grievance/concerns and in the event any such representation is moved within two weeks from today, the same shall be considered and appropriate orders, in accordance with law, shall be passed thereupon within a further period of two weeks.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

21.01.2019

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