

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

CWP No.2176 of 2019

Date of decision:-25.01.2019

Airport Taxi Union, SAS Nagar, Mohali through Swaran Singh, General
Secretary, Airport Taxi Union

.....Petitioner

versus

The Chandigarh International Airport Limited, SAS Nagar, Mohali

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Sanjeev Roy, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner Airport Taxi Union has filed the instant writ petition seeking issuance of direction to the respondents to set up prepaid booths at the New Chandigarh International Airport to be manned and operated by the petitioner union.

Counsel for the petitioner has been heard at length.

During the course of arguments, counsel would advert to a communication dated 23.01.2017 that had been addressed by the Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic), District SAS Nagar and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Chandigarh International Airport regarding setting up of a prepaid booth in Chandigarh International Airport. Such communication would reveal that the proposed prepaid booths are to be operated by Punjab Police itself. The communication dated 23.01.2017 referred to in paragraph 10 of the writ petition is not reflective of any right/contractual obligation that has come to vest in the petitioner union.

Setting up of prepaid taxi services/booths/kiosks would be

within the domain of the respondent authorities. It would be a need based policy decision.

As and when the respondent authorities take a decision to set up prepaid taxi booths at the Chandigarh International Airport and further decide to have the participation of taxi union, they would be obligated to resort to a fair procedure by calling of tender etc. As and when such a decision is implemented it would be open for the petitioner Union also to participate subject to fulfillment of eligibility conditions.

No further directions are required to be passed.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No