

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

**CWP-9258-2019 (O&M)  
Date of Decision:05.04.2019**

Sachin Monga & others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. P.S. Khurana, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)**

Petitioners herein were granted licenses as Travel Agents by the competent authority under the Punjab Travel Professions Regulation Act, 2014.

It has been pleaded that the petitioners are working as Overseas Education Consultants and Travel Agents and are providing consultancy services to the persons/students who are desirous of going abroad and to take admissions in various Universities. As per averments, the petitioners are even authorized agents of numerous Universities abroad.

Counsel submits that the scope of the business and activity of the petitioners would be governed by various enactment and Rules in the nature of Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act, 2014, the Rules framed thereunder as also the Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling (Amendment) Act, 2014 and the Rules made under such Act as well.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that even though the petitioners are obligated and duty bound to follow the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder but the State Government is calling upon the

petitioners to furnish information which is not even covered under any of the provisions of the Act/Rules. Argument raised is that such action on the part of the State authorities infringes upon the right of the petitioners to conduct their business and trade apart from impinging upon the rights of their clients.

Having heard counsel for the petitioners at length and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the writ petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition in terms of granting liberty to the petitioners to file a comprehensive representation before the Secretary, Department of Home, State of Punjab. In the eventuality of any such representation being preferred, the Secretary, Department of Home, State of Punjab would be obligated to examine the same and thereafter to take necessary remedial steps if deemed fit and as warranted in accordance with law.

It is clarified that this Court has not examined the grievance of the petitioners on merits.

Disposed of.

**05.04.2019**

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)**  
**JUDGE**

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| i)  | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable?        | Yes/No |