

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

CWP-(PIL)-147-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 24.07.2019

Humanist Welfare Society (Regd.)

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Rakesh Bhatia, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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ARUN PALLI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, which is a non-government organization and is registered under the Societies and Registration Act (XXI of 1860), purports to have approached this Court in public interest.

A mandamus is prayed for commanding the respondents to appoint a Monitoring Committee in the State of Punjab in terms of the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *M.C. Mehta Vs Union of India* (2004) 6 SCC 588 so as to check and ensure removal of encroachments and unauthorized constructions. Further, the petitioner is also aggrieved for the residential accommodations, particularly, in certain colonies in Ludhiana are being used for commercial purposes and, therefore, there is an apparent misuser.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it had even represented to the respondent-authorities vide representation dated 09.05.2019 as regards the concerns and the issues raised in the petition at hand, but to no avail.

3. However, having argued the matter at some length, he submits that let this petition be disposed of, at this stage, only with a direction to the respondent-authorities to consider and decide its representation in the first instance.

4. In the wake of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the lis, we dispose of this petition only with a direction to the respondent-authorities that if indeed any such representation, as indicated above, is pending consideration, the same shall be considered and dealt with in accordance with law and appropriate orders thereupon shall be passed within a period of eight weeks from today.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

24.07.2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No