

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-21400-2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.02.2019

Guranhat Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Satbir Rathore, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, D.A.G., Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

It has been averred that about eight Eucalyptus (Safeda) trees were planted along the Mukerian-Talwara Road which fall in the Municipal Committee area of Mukerian. It was contended that the trees have become very old and fragile and have attained a height ranging from 50 feet to 70 feet.

Prayer in the instant petition was for a Mandamus to direct the respondent authorities to remove/chop off the old trees immediately as they could prove dangerous to the life and liberty of the inhabitants of the locality as also of the passers by.

On a previous date of hearing Court was informed that the Forest Department is contemplating steps to remove the trees in question but action has not been taken on account of certain orders passed by the National Green Tribunal.

During the course of hearing today learned State counsel upon instructions from Sh. Mohan Singh, Forest Range Officer apprises the Court that an application had been moved before the National Green Tribunal for modification of the order and to enable the Forest Department to proceed

ahead with its drive. Such application was allowed and even a tender process had been initiated to award the work of cutting of trees in question. State counsel further informs the Court that the work order in pursuance to the tender process would be allotted within a period of one week from today and the trees in question would then be removed positively within a period of 10 days thereafter.

In the light of such categoric and positive stand taken on behalf of the State, no further directions are required to be passed in the instant writ petition.

Petition is disposed of as infructuous.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No