

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

CWP-PIL No. 252 of 2019 (O&M)

Date of decision : 6.12.2019

Pushpanjali Trust Petitioner
versus
State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

**Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ravi Shanker Jha, Chief Justice.
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Sharma**

Present Mr. Aditya Vikram Rametra, Petitioner-in-person.
Ms. Lavanya Paul, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.
Mr. Deepak Balyan, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

Ravi Shanker Jha, Chief Justice

The petitioner purports to have approached this Court in Public Interest. The present petition has been filed through Aditya Vikram Rametra, who claims himself to be the Managing Trustee of the petitioner-trust i.e. Pushpanjali Trust. Vide the petition at hands, he seeks a direction to the respondent authorities to frame a policy for setting up Group Homes in terms of the provisions of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that prior to the institution of this petition, the petitioner had even represented to the Chief Secretaries of the States of Punjab and Haryana, as regards his concerns, vide representations dated 8.3.2019, appended therewith a draft policy. But the matter appears to have been made no tangible progress. Having argued the matter at some length, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that let this petition be disposed of at this stage only with a direction to the

respondents to deal with the grievance of the petitioner and decide his representations within a specified period.

In the wake of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, we dispose of this petition with a direction to the respondents that if, indeed, any such representation, as indicated above, is pending, the same shall be considered and decided by passing appropriate orders, in accordance with law, as far as possible within a period of three months from the receipt of a certified copy of this order.

(Ravi Shanker Jha)
Chief Justice

6.12.2019
vs

(Rajiv Sharma)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No