

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

CWP-(PIL)-10-2020 (O&M)  
Date of decision:- 23.01.2020

Ram Nath

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI**

Present:- Mr. Sanjay Verma, Advocate,  
Mr. Amandeep Saini, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

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**RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)**

This petition has been filed by the petitioner being aggrieved by the decision of the respondent - State of Haryana to hand over the land in question to the Food and Civil Supplies Department, Haryana.

The petition has been filed alleging that the land had initially been acquired for the Haryana State Minor Irrigation (Tubewell) Corporation Limited for the purposes of construction of a spun pipe factory, but the land has now been transferred to the Food and Civil Supplies Department, Haryana. The decision of the State of Haryana to transfer the land to the Food and Civil Supplies Department has been assailed by the petitioner by filing the Public Interest Litigation alleging that the land should be returned to the Gram Panchayat, Sain Mazra, Tehsil Naraingarh, District Ambala and should be utilized for the purposes of construction of a school or for a playground.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner, we are of the considered opinion that no public interest is involved in the present petition. The land in question was acquired pursuant to a notification dated 22.01.1973 issued under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act and, thus, vests in the government and being its absolute owner, it is for the State to decide what to do with it. The State of Haryana has accordingly taken up a decision to hand over the land to the Food and Civil Supplies Department and no person including the petitioner has any say in that regard. Nothing has been placed on record to indicate that the decision of the State of Haryana is opposed to public interest.

In fact, setting up of some government establishment on the acquired land would be in the interest of the local public and in such circumstances, the petition filed by the petitioner being meritless is dismissed.

**(RAVI SHANKER JHA)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(ARUN PALLI)**  
**JUDGE**

**23.01.2020**  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |