

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

CWP-(PIL)-25-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 14.02.2020

Rajiv Kumar @ Raja

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Vikram Satpal Anand, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed praying for a direction to the respondent-authorities to take effective steps to enforce ban on release of the Punjabi movie 'Shooter' which is proposed to be released on 21.02.2020.

Mr. Suvir Sheokand, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab submits that a newspaper article was published to the effect that the Chief Minister of Punjab has already imposed a ban on screening of the movie in Punjab.

Mr. Dheeraj Jain, learned counsel appearing for the Union of India submits that as yet no certificate for public exhibition of the movie has been issued by the Union of India. Nor has the movie been examined by the competent authority for issuance of such a certificate.

In the circumstances and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we dispose of the petition with a direction to the Union of India, which has been supplied an advance copy, to treat this petition as a representation and

take a decision thereon expeditiously in accordance with law.

The State of Punjab is also directed to examine the matter and take necessary steps, if so required, in accordance with law.

A copy of the order passed today by this Court be supplied to the learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab for information and necessary action.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

14.02.2020

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