

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CWP-PIL No. 44 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 11.05.2020

Ferry Sofat

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

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

**Present:-** Mr. Ferry Sofat, Advocate-petitioner in person.  
Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India with  
Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Standing Counsel for Union of India.  
Mr. Sahil Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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

With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the matter is being taken up and heard via video conferencing (Webex App software).

The petitioner, who is a lawyer by profession, purport to have approached this Court in public interest.

The limited grievance that he has is that although the Government hospitals in the State of Punjab as also some private hospitals are equipped to treat the Covid infected patients i.e. the pandemic the country is battling with, however, the patients who are suffering from other serious ailments/diseases are not being extended the necessary health care facilities and medical assistance. Thus a mandamus is prayed for commanding the respondents to provide medical aid and treatment to such patients.

In a short reply filed on behalf of the State Government, the assertions set out in the writ petition have since been denied. Rather, in reference to a tabulated data, learned State counsel submits that necessary instructions have already been issued to the Government/Private hospitals to provide the requisite treatment even to non-Covid patients and the said instructions have already been implemented. However, Mr. Satya Pal Jain, learned Additional Solicitor General of India informed us during the hearing

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that Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, have issued fresh instructions on the matter in issue today itself i.e. 11.05.2020 which the State Government shall have to follow/abide by.

That being so, the petitioner submits that he be permitted to withdraw this petition with liberty that if upon examining the said instructions his grievances still subsist, he shall move the authorities concerned with a representation in this regard.

The petition is accordingly dismissed as withdrawn with liberty prayed for.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)  
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)  
JUDGE

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