

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP PIL No. 56 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 02.06.2020

Devender Mahajan

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana through the Chief Secretary and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Vikram Punia, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)

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

This petition has been filed by way of public interest against the act of the respondent-authorities at Panchkula in identifying the Dharamshala(s) and other similar accommodations situated in thickly populated parts of Panchkula as quarantine centres for the purposes of lodging 73 persons who have come from abroad and are required to be quarantined as per the guidelines of the Government of India.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that as per the Government of India guidelines, the quarantine centres have to be identified, as far as possible, at the outskirts of an urban agglomeration and strict guidelines prescribed for quarantined inmates have to be followed and enforced by the authorities. It is submitted that in the instant case the quarantine centres have been identified in thickly populated areas in Panchkula and the quarantine protocol is not being adhered to by the authorities permitting the inmates to intermingle with the public at large thereby risking the health and lives of all the citizens of Panchkula.

Learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State of Haryana submits that these quarantine centres have been identified by the authorities for the purposes of lodging those who are returning from abroad and are required to be quarantined. He submits that the quarantine centres

have been identified looking to the several aspects prescribed in this regard

by the guidelines themselves. He further submits that the quarantine protocol is also being followed.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and looking into the allegations and serious genuine concerns raised by the petitioner and taking note of the fact that the petitioner has filed a representation on 26.05.2020 Annexure P-1 before the authorities concerned which is pending consideration, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent-authorities to look into the aforesaid representation of the petitioner and thereafter take a decision thereon by taking all the facts and factors into consideration specifically the guidelines issued by the Government of India in regard to the selection of quarantine centres. The respondents are directed to ensure that the protocol and safety measures required to be adopted at quarantine centres and the restrictions imposed upon the inmates lodged in the centres are strictly complied with and followed by the authorities.

Learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State of Haryana fairly submits that the representation dated 26.05.2020 (Annexure P-1) filed by the petitioner shall be considered and decided by the respondent-authorities at an early date preferably within a period of one week from today.

With these observations and directions, the petition stands disposed of.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

02.06.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No