

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-PIL No. 89 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 29.07.2020

Simranjeet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Simranjeet Singh, petitioner in person.
Ms. Monica Chibber Sharma, Sr. Deputy Advocate General,
Punjab.

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)

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

This public interest litigation has been filed by the petitioner alleging violation of the MHA guidelines as well as the government orders issued under the Disaster Management Act regarding the preventive and precautionary measures required to be taken during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is alleged that political meetings and congregations are taking place in contravention of the MHA guidelines but inspite of the complaints no action has been taken by the respondents-authorities.

Learned Senior Deputy Advocate General appearing for the State of Punjab submits that the representation of the petitioner shall be looked into and decided by the respondents-authorities expeditiously in accordance with law and necessary action, if any, required to be taken on account of the violations of the MHA guidelines would be taken at the earliest.

In view of the aforesaid statement of the learned Senior Deputy Advocate General appearing for the State of Punjab, which is taken on record and made a part of this order, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the effect that in case the petitioner approaches the respondents authorities alongwith a copy of the order passed today and a copy of the

petition within fifteen days from today, the concerned authority shall consider and decide the representation filed by the petitioner expeditiously in accordance with law.

It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case and therefore, the authorities would be at liberty to examine the matter keeping all facts and facets into consideration and thereafter accept or reject the same in accordance with law.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

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