

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-PIL No. 108 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 18.08.2020

Panditrao DharennavarPetitioner

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:- Petitioner in person.
Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Sr. Deputy Advocate General,
Punjab, for the respondents.

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)

With the consent of learned counsel for the petitioner, the matter is being taken up and heard via video conferencing.

This petition has been filed by the petitioner by way of public interest litigation seeking investigation through Central Bureau of Investigation or some central independent agency in respect of huge tragedy causing death of more than 100 people that has occurred in Batala, Amritsar Rural and Tarn Taran, Punjab.

We have considered the contention of the petitioner in the light of law laid down by the constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in case *State of West Bengal and others v. The Committee for Protection of Democratic Rights West Bengals and others 2010(3) SCC 571*, as well as the decisions of the Supreme Court rendered in the cases *Rubabbuddin Sheikh v. State of Gujarat and others 2010(2) SCC 200* and *Secretary, Minor Irrigation and Rural Engineering Services, U.P. and others v. Sahngoo Ram Arya and another 2002(5) SCC 521* and in accordance therewith, we are not inclined to entertain the plea of the petitioner at this stage.

Therefore, while we do not find any reason to entertain this public interest litigation at this stage, however, we permit the petitioner to pursue his representations (Annexure P-8) dated 31.07.2020 and 01.08.2020 before the respondent-authorities.

Learned Senior Deputy Advocate General appearing for the State of Punjab submits that the aforesaid representations of the petitioner shall be taken into consideration and if necessary appropriate action or orders would be passed thereon by the authorities.

With these observations, the petition stands disposed of.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

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