

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-PIL No. 32 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 17.02.2021

Simranjit 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. Simranjit Singh, petitioner in person.
Ms. Lavanya Paul, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab,
for the respondents.

(The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual Court).

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)

This petition by way of public interest litigation has been filed by the petitioner alleging that several persons are running lotteries in individual shops in the State of Punjab contrary to the provisions of law inspite of the fact that on-line lotteries have now been banned in the State of Punjab.

Learned Assistant Advocate General appearing on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab submits that the respondent-authorities are taking action against those persons who are running illegal lotteries. It is submitted that even on the complaints of the petitioner, action has been taken. On instructions, she further submits that more than 188 cases have been registered from 01.01.2021 till 15.02.2021 and more than 10 cases have been registered after 15.02.2021 till date for running illegal lotteries in the State of Punjab. It is submitted that the respondent-authorities are taking action in accordance with law and shall continue to do so. It is submitted that the respondent-authorities are complying with the provisions of law and in case any further complaints are received, they will look into the same and take action in accordance with law.

The petitioner submits that there are certain portals in the State of Punjab on internet which are running these lotteries illegally. However, it is observed that no such information or complaint has been lodged by the petitioner before the respondent-authorities in this regard.

In view of the aforesaid statement made by learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, no further action is required to be taken on account of the steps being taken by the respondent-authorities. The petition is accordingly disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to file fresh complaints, if any, before the police or any other authorities in this regard.

Learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab submits that in case such complaints are received, the respondent-authorities shall look into and deal with the same in accordance with law.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

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Whetherspeaking/reasoned	YesNo
Whetherreportable	YesNo