

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CWP No.5355 of 2021
Decided on : 05.03.2021**

Shri Khatu Shyam Ji Filling Station and others

... Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Vikas Lochab, Advocate for the petitioners.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The petitioners in the present writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seek a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents not to close/shift the Branch of Punjab National Bank (PNB) earlier known as Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) situated at GBC Complex, Nangal Chaudhary, District Mahendergarh.

The grouse of the petitioners is that the other Branch is situated in front of Anaj Mandi and is very crowded. Thus, the closing of the said branch at GBC Complex, on account of amalgamation of the Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India, which would function as the Branch of PNB, would prejudice the petitioners as such.

Counsel for the petitioners has not been able to point out as to what is the legal right of the petitioners to ask for such a demand or whether there is any statutory provision for this Court to entertain a writ of mandamus for issuance of such directions. The Bank has to see

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its administrative convenience and its financial viabilities at Nangal Chaudhary, District Mahendergarh.

In such circumstances, no directions are liable to be issued, which are sought for. If, the petitioners do not wish to operate their bank accounts with PNB, it is for them to take a call as to whether the facilities of PNB are of the standard, which they deem fit as customers. It is always open for them to change their bank accounts to other bank (s) which are available in the vicinity of Nangal Chaudhary, District Mahendergarh.

In such circumstances, no ground is made out to invoke the extra-ordinary jurisdiction under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India and the petition stands dismissed in limine.

MARCH 05, 2021
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No