

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-PIL No. 78 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 17.05.2021

Lal Bahadur Khowal

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Mukesh Rao, Advocate with
Ms. Aaina Verma, Advocate and
Mr. Mandeep Sehra, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. S.P.Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India with
Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Senior Panel Counsel for UOI-
respondents No.1 and 2.

Mr. Baldev Raj Mahajan, Advocate General, Haryana with
Mr. Ankur Mittal, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana and
Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

(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, CHIEF JUSTICE (oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner raising the issue regarding activation of helpline numbers, making allocation of requisite quantity of oxygen etc. relating to the pandemic that the country is facing at this stage.

It is observed that Criminal Writ Petition No. 242 of 2021, in which the Court has taken up all the necessary issues relating to the prevailing pandemic, is pending before a Coordinate Bench. Further, it is not disputed that in the said proceedings, the Court has also issued certain interim directions and orders have also been passed from time to time and the compliance/progress made by the authorities is being monitored.

For all the issues that are sought to be raised by the petitioner in this petition are already under consideration in Criminal Writ Petition No. 242 of 2021, we do not find it expedient to entertain this petition, purport to have been filed in public interest.

Faced with this, learned counsel for the petitioner submits for he has also raised certain additional issues, he be permitted to withdraw this petition to enable the petitioner to intervene in the proceedings pending before a Coordinate Bench.

Dismissed as withdrawn with the liberty prayed for.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

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