

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

CWP-(PIL)-126-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 22.07.2021

Ashish Chaudhary

...Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondent(s)

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

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Deepak Balyan, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.
Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India,
with Mr. Rajneesh Shelly, Advocate, for respondent No. 4 – UOI.
(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 has been filed by the petitioner in public interest praying for a direction to the respondent-authorities to strictly adhere to the agreement dated 12.05.1994 (Annexure P-3) and consequently not to release water in excess from the Yamuna River to the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana submits that the issues raised by the petitioner are under active consideration of the authorities of the State especially in view of the prevalent water crisis in Haryana. He submits that the authorities are examining the viability of administrative and other measures to tackle the problem. Further, the concerned departments of the State are also seized of the issue regarding water supply to the parties to the agreement dated 12.05.1994 and also the excess supply of water to National Capital Territory of Delhi. He further submits that the authorities shall consider the aforesaid aspects including examining the issue of approaching the Upper Yamuna River Board, if so required, for enforcement of the agreement.

In view of the aforesaid statement made by learned State counsel, on instructions from the authorities concerned, the petition is disposed of in terms thereof directing the authorities to examine and take appropriate steps on the representation dated 06.03.2021 (Annexure P-11) of the petitioner as well as all other necessary steps required to be taken by them in accordance with law.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

22.07.2021

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