

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh

Civil Writ Petition No. 14822 of 2021

Date of Decision: 10.08.2021

Mohan Singh and Others

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil Kshetarpal.

Present: Mr. Amit Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Sunint Kaur, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for respondent No.1 to 5.

Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate
for respondent No.6.

Anil Kshetarpal, J.

1. The petitioners pray for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the order dated 21.05.2021, passed by the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited. In order to augment supply of electricity, existing transmission line of 132 KV was sought to be replaced by 220 KV transmission line. For that purpose, on 18.11.2020, while publishing the Scheme, objections, if any, from the public were invited. It is not in dispute that the petitioners did not file the objections. The work of transmission line has already been completed. Now, it is only to be energized. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, after considering the various aspects of the matter, has passed a detailed order.

2. Learned counsel representing the petitioners contends that high tension electricity line is going over the residential houses of the petitioners.

He, hence, contends that the respondents should be directed to change the alignment of the transmission line.

3. As per the provisions of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, a Scheme is required to be notified and published inviting objections, if any, from the public. Such an opportunity is given only to the avoid objections at any subsequent stage. As already noticed, the work of transmission lines has already been completed. The petitioners did not file objections at the relevant time.

4. Hence, no ground to issue writ is made out and the present petition is dismissed.

(Anil Kshetarpal)
Judge

August 10, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No