

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

CWP No.15135-2020

Date of Decision:15.01.2021

Sumit Taneja

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH**

Present: Mr.Atul Lakhanpal, Senior Advocate with
Mr.Arjun Lakhanpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms.Monica Chhibber Sharma, Senior DAG, Punjab.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court.]

Sumit Taneja-Petitioner is a partner in M/s Rana & Company, who has been allotted a Mining Khadd of Pipli Tehsil Shahkot, District Jalandhar for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 10.10.2017 being the highest bidder in the online auction conducted on 05.07.2017

The grievance is directed against the order dated 07.09.2020 (P-16) passed by the District Mining Officer, Jalandhar Mining Division, Ludhiana-respondent No.2, whereby the claim of the Partnership Firm for granting exemption from payment of royalty deducted at source for mining of minerals for the period w.e.f. 01.01.2020 till the time they were unable to operate the mining activities on account of the action of the respondents and the prevailing pandemic condition, has not been decided one way or the other. The same was not decided in view of another writ petition bearing

CWP No.1325 of 2020 stated to be pending before this Court.

Since after the filing of the present writ petition, the aforesaid CWP No.1325 of 2020 stood decided on 14.10.2020, this Court vide interim order dated 18.11.2020 passed in the instant writ petition directed the State Government to decide the aforesaid claim of the petitioner afresh on merits within a period of two weeks.

At the time of resumed hearing today, counsel for the parties are agreed that the present writ petition has become infructuous in the light of speaking order dated 10.12.2020 having been passed in compliance of the interim direction issued by this Court, whereby the claim of the petitioner has been partly allowed, which is now a subject matter of separate writ petition bearing CWP No.21728-2020.

In view of the aforesaid developments, the present writ petition has become infructuous and the same is disposed of, accordingly.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE

15.01.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes / No
Whether Reportable:	Yes / No