

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 76 of 2022 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 06.01.2022

M/s Degraphics Advertising and Marketing	Petitioner
Versus	
State of Punjab and others	...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Puneet Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Avinit Avasthi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.
(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 being aggrieved by the order dated 31.12.2021 (Annexure P-10) passed by Additional Deputy Commissioner, SAS Nagar, Mohali rejecting the representation dated 27.12.2021 filed by the petitioners against the tender proceedings taken up by Municipal Councils, Zirakpur, Lalru, Derabassi and Bannur for allotment of sites for advertisements in the said Council(s).

On a specific query being made, it is pointed out by learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab that though LoI has already been issued and agreements have been executed, the steps taken by the aforesaid Municipal Councils are under the provisions of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911 and under the said Act the State Government has the power to examine and enquire into all the decisions taken by the Municipal Councils. The said power is also vested with the Deputy Commissioner concerned. In the instant case, the impugned order has been passed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, SAS Nagar, Mohali. However, the matter can still required to be considered by the competent authority of the State.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner shall approach the competent authority by filing a representation within a period of two days alongwith a copy of the petition and the order.

Learned Assistant Advocate General appearing for the respondent-State of Punjab submits that the competent authority of the State Government will look into the complaints/grievances raised by the petitioner and take a decision thereon at the earliest in accordance with law and communicate the order to the petitioner.

In view of the aforesaid statements made by learned counsel for the parties, the petition stands disposed of.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

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Whetherspeakingreasoned	Yes/No
Whetherreportable	Yes/No