

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

CWP-1724-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 02.02.2022

Way to New Life, Bangali Sant Kutia road, Maur Mandi, Bhatinda
and others

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondent(s)

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

Present: Mr. Atul Lakhanpal, Senior Advocate,
with Mr. Arjun Lakhanpal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.
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, C.J. (ORAL)

Though the present writ petition has been filed challenging the validity of Rule 14 (A) (iii), C (2) of the Punjab Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Counselling and Rehabilitation Centres (First Amendment) Rules, 2020, notified on 28.08.2020, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioners, after arguing at length, submits that their representation (Annexure P-6) against the proposed amendment is pending before the respondent-authorities, which may be directed to be considered and decided by them.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab submits that the respondent-authorities shall consider and decide the petitioners' representation (Annexure P-6) by passing a reasoned order as far as possible by 15.02.2022.

In view of the aforesaid statement made by learned State counsel, we do not find any reason to entertain the present writ petition which is accordingly disposed of. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case and, therefore, the authorities would be at liberty to examine the matter keeping all facts and facets into consideration and decide the same in accordance with law.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

02.02.2022

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