

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

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CWP-6746-2022

Date of Decision: 21.12.2022

FATEH MOHAMMED

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Mulwani, DAG, Haryana.

Ms. Perna Malhotra, Advocate for
Mr. Prateek Mahajan, Advocate
for respondents No.2 to 5.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been instituted under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents No. 2 to 5 to look into the grievance of the petitioner by allowing him to deposit Rs.20,000/- as compounding charges regarding which notice vide memo Rs.G45/2021/1806 dated 08.12.2021 had been served upon the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the respondents contend that the present petition has become infructuous inasmuch as the petitioner has been allowed to deposit the above mentioned compounding amount of Rs.20,000/- vide receipt No.84496544 dated 10.05.2022 and the same has also been accepted by the respondents. Resultantly, the offence in question stands compounded as per Section 152(3) of The Electricity Act, 2003 and no criminal proceedings are now to be initiated against the petitioner. It has further been

clarified that the compounding fee/composition fee alone has been deposited and that the amount of penalty of Rs.1,33,016/- has not yet been deposited by the petitioner.

There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner and it seems that he has no subsisting grievance.

The present petition is accordingly disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

Liberty is, however, granted to the petitioner to seek revival of the present petition in case the grievance of the petitioner still survives.

21.12.2022
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No