

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

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**CWP-2690-2017
Date of Decision: 19.12.2022**

GURJEET KAUR

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: None for the petitioner.

Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Manish Joshi, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing the respondents to supply clean and drinkable water to the residents of the locality of the petitioner.

Briefly summarized, the main allegation contained in the writ petition is that the water supply in the vicinity of the petitioner situated in Municipal area of Rajpura, Punjab is unfit for human consumption because the water is dirty and smells very bad. Various oral requests have been made to the Authorities concerned to remedy the said defect, however, the appropriate steps to remedy the same have not been taken so far. Consequently, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of filing the present petition.

It has been averred by the respondents that Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board is the responsible department which is under obligation to ensure the supply of pure and drinkable water. Mr. Karandeep Singh, S.D.O., Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Punjab is present in the Court and has submitted that the samples of the water, supplied to the locality of the petitioner, were duly drawn and as per the said samples, the water is within the permissible standards and is completely fit for human consumption. He further contends that the petitioner-complainant has herself submitted a letter dated 01.12.2022, as per which she does not have any further grievance qua the water quality and as such, she does not wish to pursue the present litigation. The relevant report and the letter are taken on record as Mark A and Mark B respectively.

Even there is no representation on behalf of the petitioner today. It appears that the petitioner does not have any subsisting grievance.

Accordingly the present petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

Liberty is, however, granted to the petitioner to seek revival of the present petition in case the above statement/contention of the learned counsel for the respondent is found to be incorrect and or any of her grievances still survives.

19.12.2022.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No