

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

CWP-PIL-20-2018

Date of decision: 16.05.2022

Serving in Organisations for Legal Initiatives, 'SIOLI'

... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

... Respondents

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

Present: Ms. Reeta Kohli, Senior Advocate,
Mr. Balvinder Sangwan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India, with
Mr. Arun Gosain, Senior Govt. Counsel,
for the respondent-UOI.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Ms. Aakanksha Sawhney, Addl. Standing Counsel,
UT, Chandigarh.

RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner by way of Public Interest Litigation praying for a direction to the respondent - authorities to take all effective steps to stop the sale of synthetic/spurious as well as adulterated milk and also to start a programme for educating the masses to carry out simple testing procedure to identify synthetic / spurious / adulterated milk.

The States of Punjab, Haryana and UT, Chandigarh have filed returns enumerating certain steps that they have taken. However, in view of the law laid down by the Supreme Court in **Santosh Singh v. Union of**

India and another, 2016(8) SCC 253 as well as in **State of Uttaranchal v. Balwant Singh Chaufal and Ors., 2010(3) SCC 402**, the petition filed by the petitioner is disposed of directing the States of Punjab, Haryana and UT, Chandigarh to continue to take the measures that they have already taken as well as undertake further testing as and when required in accordance with the procedure prescribed by law. The petitioners are also granted liberty to approach the respondent-authorities by bringing on notice the instances of violation of law as well as supply of synthetic/ spurious / adulterated milk.

Learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State of Haryana, learned Assistant Advocate General for the State of Punjab, learned Additional Standing Counsel for UT, Chandigarh as well as counsel for the Union of India submit that if the petitioner does so, the authorities concerned would take the necessary steps and measures immediately in accordance with law. Apart from the fact that they would also be taking such measures for preventing supply of synthetic/spurious and adulterated milk at their own level.

The petition is disposed of in the above terms.

(Ravi Shanker Jha)
Chief Justice

(Arun Palli)
Judge

16.05.2022

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Whether speaking / reasoned:	YES
Whether Reportable:	NO