

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

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**CWP-1477-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.02.2023**

M/S A.S. AND COMPANY

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. A.D. Sukhija, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

Mr. Sourabh Goel, Central Government Counsel,
Mr. Rajiv Sharma, Senior Panel Counsel and
Ms. Shivani Sahni, Advocate
for respondents No.1 to 3.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari for quashing the freezing order dated 19.01.2023 (Annexure P-18) passed by respondent No.3 under Section 68 F (1) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 whereby the properties/operations being carried out by the firm in running liquor vends/sub vends mentioned in para 3 under Group, namely Gill Chowk and Fortis Group, have been ordered to be freezed.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has submitted that the petition in question raised a challenge to the order whereby the liquor vend and all other business operations of the petitioner-company had been sealed by the respondents in exercise of the powers under Section 68F (1) of the Narcotic Drugs and

Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

It has been pointed out by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner that during the pendency of the present petition, the competent authority has suitably modified the order passed by the Investigating Officer while confirming the order in exercise of his powers under Section 68 F (2) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. He submits that the present petition in the form as submitted has thus been rendered infructuous at this stage. He seeks permission to withdraw the present petition with liberty to take recourse to the alternatives available to him in accordance with law.

Disposed of as withdrawn with liberty as aforesaid.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Vishal sharma

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