

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

**COCP-314-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 26.07.2023**

Manjeet Kaur

....Petitioner

Versus

Sandeep Hans and Others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. K.S. Hissowal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Counsel for the State, on the basis of the affidavit filed by the Collector-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Patiala, submits that with regard to the violation of the order dated 18.07.2018 passed in CWP No.15223 of 2018, the proceedings under Section 133 Cr.P.C. are initiated and the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board was also directed to visit the Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Bhadson and other religious institutions regarding the noise pollution, through loudspeakers that the voice of the speaker should remain within the four walls of the Gurudwara, the petitioner was advised that if she has any problem with noise pollution, she can taken further action with the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

The affidavit also refers to a report submitted by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Nabha dated 27.05.2022 wherein a reference is made that as per the report of Naib Tehsildar on 27.05.2022 at 04:00 PM

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he inspected Gurudwara Singh Sabha and found that the recitation (Path) of Sri Sukhmani Sahib was going on and the speaker was also on, but the voice of the speaker was limited to the inside boundaries of Gurudwara Sahib and could not be heard outside the boundaries of Gurudwara Sahib. It is also submitted that the loudspeakers are used only for emergency purpose i.e. to warn people in case of flood or COVID like situation, etc. and no violation was found.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of having been rendered infructuous.

However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to avail the alternative remedy in accordance with law, if so advised.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No