

CWP-7490-2021

Date of Decision: 16.10.2023

Pawan Rani and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Sehgal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Bazaz, Advocate, for respondents No.2 to 5.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners have approached this Court praying for quashing the impugned bills (Annexures P-2 to P-5) being illegal, arbitrary and contrary to the regulations regarding the rates to be charged for the sewerage connection. Further prayer has been made to direct the respondents not to raise any exorbitant demand on account of disposal of sewerage as the water supply/disposal is part of the basic amenities and the petitioners have fundamental rights to get the said amenities at reasonable rates.

Notice was issued in the petition.

Learned counsel for respondents No.2 to 5 has submitted that the rates are being charged from the petitioners and the similarly situated residents in view of the notification dated 02.05.2003. he submits that this notification has already been upheld by this Court in CWP-7848-2012 vide order dated 11.03.2010. However, he submits that the petitioners never approached the respondent-authorities for redressal of their grievances regarding the bill issued and they filed the present petition only. He submits that the respondent-authorities would hear the grievances raised by the petitioners, in case they approach the respondent-authorities.

In view of the submissions made above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4-Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to treat the present petition as representation of the petitioners and to hear one petitioner being representative of the petitioners and decide the same in accordance with law expeditiously. It is also directed that the representative of the petitioners would appear before respondent No.4 on 30.10.2023 at 11:00 a.m.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

16.10.2023

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No