

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

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**2023:PHHC:043999-DB**

Civil Writ Petition No.6204 of 2023

Date of Decision: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Ravinder Paul

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY**

Present: Mr. Daman Dhir, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

**AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)**

Petitioner has been served with a notice dated 13.12.2022 (Annexure P-4) issued by the Estate Officer, Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority, Bathinda, for removal of iron grills, which the petitioner has erected according to the respondents illegally, within a period of 30 days. In pursuance to the said notice, reply has been submitted by the petitioner, copy of which has been appended as Annexure P-5. Assertion is that the said reply has not been considered nor any final order passed by respondent No.3 till date. Reference has also been made to an order dated 09.02.2023 passed in *CWP No.1784 of 2023* titled as *Navpinder Pal Singh Sidhu Versus State of Punjab and others*, where in similar circumstances, directions have been issued for decision to be taken by respondent No.3 within a period of three weeks from the date of the order and conveying of the decision forthwith. It has also been observed that *status quo* be maintained till a decision is taken and conveyed to the petitioner.

Counsel, on this basis, contends that the writ petition may be disposed of in same terms.

Having considered the submissions made by the counsel for the

petitioner, without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, we dispose of the present writ petition with directions to the Estate Officer, Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority, Bathinda-respondent No.3 to consider the reply as has been submitted by the petitioner, copy whereof has been appended as Annexure P-5 and pass a speaking order within a period of three weeks from today. Decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioner forthwith.

Till a decision is taken and conveyed to the petitioner, *status quo*, as it exists at the site, shall be maintained.

**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)  
JUDGE**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
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**(SANJIV BERRY)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No