

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

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CWP-7885-2022

Date of Decision: 16.02.2023

SUMIT TANEJA

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RITU TAGORE**

Present: Mr. Atul Lakhanpal, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Arjun Lakhanpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Jain, Additional A.G. Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.(Oral)

This writ petition has been filed by the petitioner who is a lessee of the sand mine at Pippli Khadd, Tehsil Shahkot, District Jalandhar, seeking directions to the respondents to provide hinderance free access to the sand mine in question, which was duly allotted to the petitioner on 05.07.2017.

Grievance raised by the petitioner was that he was not allowed to carry on with his work, as access to the sand mine was blocked by the villagers in an unjustified manner.

Reply on behalf of respondent Nos.1 and 2 as well as short reply on behalf of respondent No.6 and Status Report dated 17.05.2022 by the Deputy Commissioner, Moga have been filed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner fairly states that necessary steps have been taken by the District Administration as well

as officials of the Department of Mining to ensure smooth operation of the sand mine-Pippli Khadd, which is being operated by the petitioner. Hindrance free passage has now been ensured for movement of the vehicles of the petitioner used for transportation of the sand excavated from the mining site. Apprehension raised before us is that said arrangements shall be withdrawn, in case the present writ petition is disposed of and petitioner shall again be unable to carry out mining operations for the remaining few months of the lease period available with the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the State submits that there is no question of withdrawal of the arrangements only due to disposal of the present writ petition. The said arrangements, it is stated shall continue for the lease period in accordance with law.

In the given factual matrix, we find no justification for continuance of the present writ petition. Same is accordingly disposed of in view of the specific stand of the respondent.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

(RITU TAGORE)
JUDGE

16.02.2023

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