

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-10665-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 19.01.2023

Harpal Singh Vs. ...Petitioner

State of Haryana and others ...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present: Mr. Sandeep Kumar Rana, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Mamta Singla Talwar, DAG, Haryana.

Ritu Bahri, J. (oral)

Petitioner is seeking quashing of clause 2.14.6 of the Excise Policy of 2019-2020 (Annexure P-2) issued by respondent No.2-Commissioner, Excise and Taxation, Haryana, whereby it has been provided that no rebate/reduction/refund of the License Fee shall be allowed on account of closure of liquor outlets in any area for any reason.

When this case was taken up for hearing on 29.06.2021, learned counsel for the petitioner had relied upon pendency of CWP-10053-2021, titled as **Naresh Kumar and others vs. State of Haryana and others**, wherein similar issue with respect to reduction of license fee was involved. The above said petition has been dismissed on 02.08.2021. While dismissing the petition, it has been observed that the excise policies are the matters, which at best, can be decided by the Government itself and being aware of the same, the petitioner had participated in the process. The policy was not discriminatory, *malafide* or patently arbitrary. With these observations, the excise policy of the year 2019-2020 was upheld.

This fact is not being disputed by learned State counsel.

Keeping in view the aforesaid order passed in CWP-10053-2021, the present petition is dismissed.

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

19.01.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No