

2023:PHHC:071606-DB

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

CWP-PIL-86-2019
Date of decision: 17.05.2023

Ravi KumarPetitioner
Versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Sunil Kumar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, AAG, Punjab .

RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner in public interest, praying for a direction to the respondent authorities to prevent/ban the sale of food supplements, steroids, injections etc., in the gymnasiums/health clubs in the State of Punjab, in the absence of requisite licence.

Pursuant to the directions issued by this Court from time to time, several affidavits/status reports have been filed on behalf of the State, and the latest one is dated 13.02.2023.

In the said status report, details as regards the steps that are being taken to check illegal sale of food supplements, steroids, performance enhancing drugs etc, have been given. It is stated in the report that regular inspections of the gymnasiums/health clubs are being conducted. Further, a detailed chart in tabulated form is also provided in the report as regards the inspections and the awareness camps/seminars that have been organized by the authorities in different health clubs/gymnasiums.

Learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, submits that the authorities are sensitive to the issue and every possible step is being taken to prevent illegal sale of food supplements, steroids, injections etc. He further submits that periodic inspections shall also be conducted by the authorities to ensure that these drugs are not sold in the gymnasiums/health clubs. He, on instructions, submits that in case, the petitioner or any other person approaches the authorities, at the district level, with respect to any such incident, the matter shall be looked into, and appropriate action shall be taken, in accordance with law, expeditiously.

In view of the abovesaid status report and the statement of the learned State counsel, the present writ petition is disposed of.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

May 17, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No