

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

**CWP-PIL-88-2020**

**Date of decision:19.01.2023**

Punjab Muslim Welfare Council and others ....Petitioners

## Versus

State of Punjab and others .... Respondents

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

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ghulam Nabi Malik, Advocate, for respondent No.3.

None for respondents No. 4 to 8.

**RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE** (Oral)

Learned counsel for respondent No.3 submits that as term of respondent No.4 is already over, nothing further survives for adjudication in this petition. He further submits that so far as the relief prayed for by the petitioners regarding lease is concerned, they have the remedy to approach the Wakf Tribunal or any other forum, as prescribed by law, therefore, the petition is not even maintainable in that regard.

Be that as it may, as even on the second call, none has appeared on behalf of the petitioners to pursue the matter, the petition is dismissed for non prosecution.

However, it is made clear that this order shall not prevent the petitioners from undertaking any proceedings before an appropriate forum against their grievance as regards lease.

**(RAVI SHANKER JHA)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

(ARUN PALLI)  
JUDGE

**January 19, 2023**

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |