

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Date of Decision :13.09.2023
CWP-PIL No.99 of 2020 (O&M)

Karan Singh
.....Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab and others
..... Respondents

CWP-PIL No.121 of 2020 (O&M)

Guru Nanak Welfare Society (Regd.)
.....Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab and others
..... Respondents

CWP-PIL No.151 of 2020 (O&M)

Amandeep Singh
.....Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab and others
..... Respondents

CWP No.14141 of 2020 (O&M)

Bakshish Singh and others
.....Petitioners
Versus
State of Punjab and others
..... Respondents

CWP No.589 of 2021 (O&M)

Sumit Taneja
.....Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab and others
..... Respondents

CWP No.8618 of 2020 (O&M)

Balvir Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CWP No.3128 of 2021 (O&M)

Surjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

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

Present : Mr.Gagneshwar Walia, Advocate
in CWP-PIL-99 and CWP-14141-2020;
Ms. Sumitra Advocate for Mr.Vikram Singh, Advocate
in CWP-PIL-121-2020;
Mr. Arvinder Singh Grover, Advocate in CWP-589-2021;
Ms. Ginnijeet Malhotra, Advocate
in CWP-PIL-151-2020 and CWP-8618-2020;
Mr. A.S.Talwar, Advocate
for applicant in CM-1739-CWP-2020 in CWP-8618-2020;
Mr. Lakhwinder Singh Maan, Advocate in CWP-3128-2021;
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Arjun Sheoran, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. R.P.S.Bara, Advocate
for private respondent-contractor.

RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral):

The petitioner(s) have filed these petitions against the illegal mining being carried out in Districts Pathankot, Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur, Ludhiana and Jalandhar.

It is informed by learned counsel for the private respondent-contractor that the mining lease had already expired in March, 2023, and

they have not undertaken any mining operation in the areas concerned since March, 2023.

In such circumstances, learned counsel for the petitioner(s) submit that the issue does not survive for adjudication and the petitions be disposed of as infructuous, at this stage, with liberty to file afresh, in case, cause of action arises.

Ordered accordingly.

Pending civil miscellaneous application, if any, stands disposed of.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

13.09.2023
Manoj Bhutani

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