

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

1. CWP-13754-2022

M/s Akash Enterprises and ors.

....Petitioners

vs.

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondents

2. CWP-13797-2022

Balwinder Singh

....Petitioners

vs.

State of Punjab and ors.

...Respondents

Date of decision:- 29.03.2023

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

Present: Mr. D.S. Patwalia, Sr. Advocate assisted by
Mr. Dilpreet S. Gandhi, Advocate
for the appellant (s).

Ms. Sudeepti Sharma, Advocate with
Ms. Mehak Kanwar, Advocate
for the respondent-State of Punjab.

Ritu Bahri, J.

This judgment shall dispose of the above mentioned two petitions together, as common questions of law and facts are involved therein. However, for facility of reference, the facts are being taken from CWP-13754-2022.

Prayer in the present petition is for quashing the Excise Policy for the year 2022-2023 dated 08.06.2022 (P-3) on the ground that there is an attempt to monopolize the liquor industry in State of Punjab.

Learned counsel for the respondent at the very outset submits that excise policy will come to an end on 31.03.2023 and the State has achieved the target and there is no loss to State of Punjab.

Since the excise policy will come to an end on 31.03.2023, this Court is not inclined to interfere in the Excise Policy dated 08.06.2022 (P-3).

Accordingly, no further orders are required to be passed in the writ petitions and the same are disposed of. However, the petitioner is at liberty to challenge the next Excise Policy of State of Punjab, if so advised, in accordance with law.

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

29.03.2023
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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