

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 17612 of 2020(O&M)

Date of Decision:21.02.2023

Kuldeep Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RITU TAGORE

Present: Mr. Deepak Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Jain, Addl.AG., Punjab.

Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate
for Mr. Vivek Chauhan,
for respondents no.6 and 7.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

Prayer in this writ petition is for directing the official respondents to take appropriate action in respect to illegal mining operations being conducted in villages Shehar and Chhann.

Separate written statements on behalf of respondents no.2 & 4, 3 & 5, 6 as well as 7, are on record.

It is categorically stated in the reply filed on behalf of official respondents that no illegal mining was being carried out in the area of village Shehar and Chhann and that the existing two mining sites are approved sites and are operational on behalf of the government. It is further stated that mining sites of both the villages, were visited on 25.12.2020 along with the petitioner. It was pointed out that no illegal mining was being carried out at the spot.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State, has referred to reply filed on behalf of respondents no.2 & 4 as well as report dated 28.12.2020, attached with the reply. No replication has been filed by the petitioner to the written statements.

Learned counsel for the State further informs that lease period in respect to these two sites has also come to an end on 20.02.2023.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is unable to point out anything on record which calls for intervention by this Court. It is however submitted that pursuant to filing of this writ petition, petitioner has been receiving threats from certain quarters for being pro-active in this matter. Though, there is no such averment in the petition and neither has any application to this effect been filed, we direct that in case, any such apprehension along with supporting documents, is produced before the concerned Senior Superintendent of Police, the matter be looked into and necessary action, if any/ as may be required, be taken in accordance with law.

Writ petition is accordingly disposed of. Pending applications, if any, are disposed of accordingly.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

(RITU TAGORE)
JUDGE

February 21, 2023.
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No.

Whether reportable : Yes/No.