

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

CWP-PIL-65-2023

Date of decision : 07.08.2023

Simranjeet 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

Present: Petitioner in person.

Mr. Arjun Sheoran, DAG, Punjab.

RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

Though this petition has been filed by the petitioner allegedly in public interest praying for removal of liquor vends and other places, where liquor is being served/sold/supplied, that are situated within a distance of 50 Meters of National and State Highways, in contravention of the judgment rendered by the Supreme Court on 15.12.2016 in **The State of Tamil Nadu Rep. by its Secretary Home, Prohibition & Excise Dept. and others Vs. K. Balu and another,** (Civil Appeal Nos. 12164-12166), but the learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, entering appearance on advance copy, has raised serious objections regarding the antecedents and locus of the petitioner to file this petition, and at the same time, he has placed before this Court the fact that out of total 79 grievances raised by the petitioner and other persons, before the authorities, 67 have already been resolved and the

authorities are in the process of examining all such places, which have been granted licenses of liquor vend, as to whether they are in violation of the Supreme Court judgment in K. Balu’s case (supra).

Learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, on instructions from Shri Paramjit Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Excise, Punjab, submits that the authorities are in the process of examining all these liquor vends and, if so required, would take action against those vends, which are not only in violation of the Supreme Court judgment in K. Balu’s case (supra) but are also contrary to other provisions of law, including the Excise Policy of the State Government.

Taking the aforesaid statement of the learned State Counsel on record, the petition stands disposed of.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

August 07, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No