

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 20957 of 2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 9th March, 2023

Lovkesh Joshi

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. H. C. Arora & Ms. Sunaina, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

This petition in the nature of *Certiorari* is filed for quashing of order dated 25.8.2022 suspending the licence of petitioner.

Learned State counsel submits that the order of suspension is challenged on the ground that District Controller Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Amritsar, (for short 'DFSC') had no jurisdiction to pass orders. He has produced notification dated 5.1.2023 amending the Punjab Targeted Public Distribution System (Licensing and Control) order, 2016, whereby word "District Magistrate" has been substituted with "Licensing Authority." He further on instructions submits that in view of amendment, the order passed by DFSC suspending the licence has been revoked and liberty is sought to pass a fresh order if need so arises.

In view of statement made by learned State counsel, no interference is called for, the petition is disposed of.

Needless to say that the respondents would be at liberty to proceed in accordance with law, if need so arises.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending application,

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if any is rendered infructuous.

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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned

2. Whether reportable

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