

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-23271-2022

Date of decision: 16.11.2023

INDUS TOWERS LTD. (FORMERLY BHARTI INFRATEL LTD.)

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. Aman Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India with
Mrs. Saigeeta Srivastva, Sr. Panel Counsel
for respondent No.1-Union of India.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer made in the present writ petition is for providing protection to the employees of the petitioner company as they were being subjected to manhandling and assault when they go for installation of mobile towers at various sites located in the State of Haryana including at Sirsa, Hisar and Faridabad respectively.

A short reply by way of an affidavit of respondent No.3 has been filed today in Court. A copy thereof has been handed over to the counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner.

Learned State counsel points out that insofar as the installation of tower in Faridabad is concerned, the same has already been installed and the prayer of the petitioner to the said extent has been rendered infructuous.

He further submits that insofar as the installation of tower at the site of District Sirsa is concerned, the representatives of the petitioner-Company have themselves informed that they have put the status of the site where the tower was to be installed on hold and as such, there is no occasion for providing any security at this stage.

Counsel for the petitioner does not dispute the abovesaid factual aspect in relation to the District Faridabad and Sirsa. The present writ petition is accordingly rendered infructuous insofar as the relief claimed for the above district is concerned.

Counsel for the respondent-State further informs that insofar as the District Hisar is concerned, no such representation has been filed by the petitioner-Company at any stage and that as and when any such representation for appointment of Duty Magistrate and providing necessary police protection/assistance if necessary for installation of tower is submitted, appropriate arrangement shall be made by the competent authority.

In view of the aforesaid statement made by the counsel for the respondent-State, counsel for the petitioner contends that the present petition may be rendered infructuous at this stage.

Disposed of accordingly.

Needless to mention that respondent-State shall remain bound by the statement made today in Court.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Vishal sharma

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