

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-29325-2023(O&M)
Date of decision: 22.12.2023

Jaswant Singh Sidhu and another
... Petitioners
Versus
State of Punjab and others
... Respondents

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI
HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. Rajesh Punj, Advocate, for the petitioners.
Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

The petitioners herein have prayed for the following substantive relief:

“Civil Writ Petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of a writ especially in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to take action on the application dated 27.08.2023 Annexure P-4 and Legal Notice dated 16.10.2023 Annexure P-5 within a stipulated period for compounding of offence under Section 38(2) of Punjab Apartments and Property Regulation Act, 1995.”

Served with the advance copy of the petition, Mr. V.G. Jauhar, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, on behalf of the respondents, is present in Court. At the outset, he submits that it shall be expedient if this petition is disposed of, at this stage, to enable the competent authority to deal

with the application dated 27.08.2023 (P-4) as also the legal notice dated 16.10.2023 (P-5), alleged to have been served by the petitioners, and take necessary measures, in accordance with law.

That being so, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that let this petition be disposed of in terms of the statement made by learned State counsel. However, he submits that the competent authority be directed to take a decision within a specified time.

To which, learned State counsel submits that the necessary orders, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, shall be passed within a period of eight weeks from today.

In the wake of the position sketched out above, and in terms of the statements made by learned counsel for the parties, the petition is disposed of.

This Court is sanguine that the competent authority shall consider the matter in the right earnest, and pass the necessary orders.

Needless to assert that this order shall not constitute any expression of opinion on the merits of the case of either party, for, as indicated above, the competent authority shall examine the concerns/grievances of the petitioners, strictly in accordance with law.

(Arun Palli)
Judge

(Vikram Aggarwal)
Judge

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