

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-8130-2024
Date of Decision: 10.04.2024

VIKRAM SINGH BRAR

... Petitioner

VERSUS

U.T. ADMINISTRATION OF CHANDIGARH AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Petitioner in person.

Mr. Amit Jhanji, Sr. Standing Counsel with
Mr. Sumeet Jain, Addl. Standing Counsel for
for respondents No.1 to 3 – U.T. Chandigarh.

Mr. Manish Bansal, P.P., U.T. Chandigarh and
Ms. Diksha Sharma, Advocates for respondents No.4 and 5.

Mr. Prateek Gupta, Advocate for respondent No.6.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed for seeking quashing of order dated 16.03.2024 passed by the District Magistrate, Chandigarh, whereby the firearms licence holders in U.T. Chandigarh have been directed to deposit their arms and ammunition with the local Police Station immediately.

Learned Sr. Standing Counsel for the U.T. Chandigarh has informed that a revised order bearing endorsement No.DM/Arms/2024/7658 dated 09.04.2024 has thereafter been passed by the respondent-District Magistrate, as per which, the Screening Committee has been mandated to undertake a detailed and individual review and assessment in accordance with the State Laws, of all the arms licensees so that the arms in those cases, where they consider it essential, are impounded in order to maintain law and order and to conduct free and fair elections.

In view of the said order passed directing constitution of the Screening Committee and review of individual cases before mandating the deposit of arms, the order dated 16.03.2024, impugned herein, would not have any further force and a revised order in accordance with the abovesaid order dated 09.04.2024 shall be passed in due course. It is submitted that the grievance of the petitioner insofar it emanates from the order dated 16.03.2024 thus does not survive.

In view of the statement made by the learned Sr. Standing Counsel for the U.T., Chandigarh, the counsel for the petitioner does not wish to press the instant petition at this stage,

Disposed of as not pressed at this stage.

APRIL 10, 2024
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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