



211 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-PIL-140-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 11.12.2024

Sukhcharan Singh Gill
....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others
..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. Hardove Singh Rajput, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India
with Mr. Sahil Garg, Senior Panel Counsel for UOI

Mr. Akshay Bhan, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Jahaan Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate
Mr. Harsh Gupta, Advocate
for respondents no. 7 and 8

Mr. Jahaan Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate
for respondents no. 9, 10 and 12

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. Sh.Akshay Bhan, learned senior counsel has drawn attention of this Court to an order dated 20.07.2022 passed by the Apex Court in Transfer Petition (Civil) nos. 100-105 of 2021 titled as ‘**Union of India and another vs. Sudesh Kumar Singh and others**’ which reads thus:-

“These Transfer Petitions were filed by the Union of India before this Court in relation to writ petitions filed before the different High Courts



praying for similar reliefs as were prayed in Writ Petition (C) No.1341/2020 and connected cases.

In light of what has been stated while disposing of Writ Petition No.1341/2020 and connected cases, the writ petition(s) filed before the High Courts, being CM(PIL) W.P. No.5196/2018 titled 'Sudesh Kumar Singh vs. UOI and Ors. Pending before the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad; (ii) W.P. no.18801/2019 titled Maatr Foundation vs. UOI & Ors pending before the High Court Madhya Pradesh Bench at Indore; (iii) W.P.(C) No.5444 (W) of 2020 titled 'Devdutta Maji vs. UOI & Ors. pending before the Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh; (v) W.P.No.8669/2020 titled 'Deepak Jain vs. UOI & Ors. pending before the High Court of Madhya Pradesh and (vi) C.W.P No.14886/2020 titled 'Sukhcharan Singh Gill vs. UOI and Ors. Pending before the Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh, would also not survive.

The transfer petitions are disposed of accordingly.

It will be open to the parties to move the High Court (s) for passing appropriate orders on the said writ petition(s) with liberty to the petitioner(s) to take recourse to appropriate remedy in reference to the issues arising from the afore-stated Rules. All contentions in that regard are left open."

From a bare perusal of the aforesaid order, specially in the second paragraph, it appears that CWP-14886-2020 i.e the present petition (presently registered as CWP-PIL-140-2020) was found to have not survived alongwith certain other petitions of different High Courts.

In view of the above, no useful purpose shall be served by keeping this PIL pending since Rules i.e the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 and Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2021 have now been framed. The petitioner is always free to assail the same by re-visiting the Court.



In view of the above, present petition stands disposed of, without commenting upon on the merits of the case, with the aforesaid liberty.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

11.12.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No