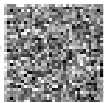


IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2024.PHHC:146336-DB



CWP-25168-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 11.11.2024

SANT GURMEET RAM RAHIM SINGH ..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS ..Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Abhishek Sanghi, Advocate
Mr. Harish Chhabra, Advocate
Mr. Jitender Khurana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajesh Sehgal, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India
with Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Sr. Panel Counsel
for respondent-UOI.

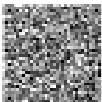
Mr. Ravi Kamal Gupta, Advocate
for respondent No.3-CBI.

Mr. P.S. Hundal, Sr. Advocate
with Mr. H.S. Dhandi, Advocate
Mr. Jasjeet Singh Brar, Advocate
Mr. Ankush Chauhan, Advocate
for applicant (in CM-12262-CWP-2024).

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SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (Oral)

1. This matter has come up before this Court having been referred by learned Single Judge vide order dated 11.03.2024 by framing four questions of law arising out of divergence of opinion of two Single Benches.
2. During the course of hearing, it has been brought to the notice of this Court by learned counsel for State of Punjab that an order dated



18.10.2024, passed by Apex Court in Special Leave Petition (Civil) Diary No.43184 of 2024, titled as ‘State of Punjab Vs. Sant Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh and others”, stayed the order of reference made by learned Single Judge on 11.03.2024 in the present petition.

3. Learned counsel for rival parties do not dispute that the said Special Leave Petition (Civil) Diary No.43184 of 2024, is pending consideration and may be taken up in the near future.

4. This Court is of the considered view that since the issue raised herein is under consideration of Apex Court, it would be appropriate to dispose of the present petition with liberty to both the parties to revive the petition in case occasion arises, subject of course to the order passed by the Apex Court.

5. In view of above, the present petition stands disposed of with liberty to both the parties to revive the petition depending upon the decision taken by Apex Court in Special Leave Petition (Civil) Diary No.43184 of 2024.

6. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

November 11th, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No