

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of decision: 16.01.2024

CWP-28593-2022

BAGHAIL SINGH AND COMPANYPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERSRespondents

CWP-28663-2022

RANJIT SINGH AND COMPANYPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERSRespondents

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

Present: - Ms. Zaheen Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Teevar Sharma, Asstt. A.G. Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Challenge in the present writ petitions is to the order dated 01.09.2022 (Annexure P-26 in CWP-28593-2022 and Annexure P-25 in CWP-28663-2022) passed by respondent No.3-Superintending Engineer, Sirhind, Canal Circle and the subsequent speaking order dated 09.09.2022 (Annexure P-27 in CWP-28593-2022 and Annexure P-26 in CWP-28663-2022) passed by the Principal Secretary, Punjab Government, Department of Water Resources whereby the approval given by the Superintending Engineer, Sirhind, Canal halqa Ludhiana vide letter dated 22.10.1999, two

bidders namely Ranjit Singh & Company (Petitioner in CWP-28663) and Baghail Singh & Company (Petitioner in CWP-28593) had been cancelled.

2. A short reply by way of affidavit of the Executive Engineer, Ropar/Canal and Ground Water Division had been filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 5. It has been stated in the above said reply and para No. 13 thereof that the order passed by the Principal Secretary dated 09.09.2022 the impugned order in the present writ petition has since then been ordered to be withdrawn as per the order dated 24.03.2023 bearing endorsement No. 7312-13/Canals-2C. It is thus contended that since the cause of action emanated from the order dated 09.09.2022, wherein the order dated 01.09.2022 stands merged and the said speaking order having already been withdrawn, there would be no subsisting grievance.

3. In view of the stand of the respondents in the writ petition and considering that the documents impugned herein has already been withdrawn, the present petitions are disposed of as having become infructuous. Liberty is, however, granted to the petitioner to seek revival of the present writ petition in case the above statement is found to be factually incorrect.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected cases.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

JANUARY 16, 2024
Vishal Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No