



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(117)

CWP-28118-2024

Decided on : 07.11.2024

Gurteshwar Singh

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab & others

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA**

Present: Mr.P.S.Grewal, Advocates for the petitioner.
Ms.Arundhati Kulshrestha, AAG, Punjab.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J.(Oral)

1. In pursuance of the earlier order dated 22.10.2024, the authorities have passed an order dated 28.10.2024 whereby while compounding fees has been levied on the two vehicles bearing registration No.PB08CB9585 and No.PB07CC9853 and a sum of Rs.2 lakhs has been imposed for both the vehicles as compounding fee under Rule 75(1) of the Punjab Minor Mineral Rules, 2013.
2. A perusal of the rules would go on to show that under Rule 87, an appeal would lie against every order of assessment or royalties to the various authorities. The order impugned has been passed by the Executive Engineer/Pathankot, Drainage-cum-Mining & Geology Division WRD, Punjab, Pathankot and therefore in view of the provisions of Rule 87(1) of the Rules, an appeal would thus lie to the State Geologist or any other competent authority, exercising the said powers.
3. Keeping in view the above, counsel for the petitioner submits that he be given liberty to avail his remedy as per the statute.
4. Accordingly, we dispose of the present writ petition, with the aforesaid liberty.

**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

**(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE**

07.11.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes
No