



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-PIL-243-2024

Date of decision : 04.11.2024

Ritesh Aggarwal

.....Petitioner

Versus

Chandighr Administration and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Ritesh Aggarwal – Petitioner in person.
Ms.Aakanksha Sawhney,Addl.Standing Counsel, UT Chandigarh.
Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The petitioner, who is appearing in person, as well as learned Additional Standing Counsel for Union Territory, Chandigarh, and learned counsel for the State of Punjab are heard.
2. In the present petition, which is styled as Public Interest Litigation (PIL), by relying upon an advertisement issued in a news paper vide Annexure P-2, the petitioner primarily alleges that lotteries are being organised, conducted and promoted by the shopkeepers and Market Associations in and around Chandigarh.
3. The petitioner has taken us to Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 (Annexure P-1), which is promulgated for regulating lotteries in India. The petitioner points out, by referring to Annexure P-2, that a cognizable offence



has been committed, which is punishable under Section 7 of the said Act of 1998. It is also alleged that the said instances of lotteries are rampant in and around Chandigarh.

4. Considering the fact that law has already been promulgated for regulating lotteries and also providing for penalty against persons or traders, organising, conducting or promoting lotteries, this Court declines to interfere on merits and relegates the petitioner to pursue his legal notice (Annexure P-3).

5. The Director General of Police, Chandigarh (respondent No.4 herein) is directed to look into the said legal notice and in case, it is found that any cognizable offence has been committed, then appropriate step(s) shall be taken in accordance with Section 173 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), as expeditiously as possible, or else petitioner shall be communicated with the reasons of denial.

6. With the aforesaid observations, the petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

November 04, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No