



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

CWP-1007-2025

Date of decision: 16.01.2025

Anokh Singh and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA**

Present: Mr. Gurmeet Singh Saini, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

The petitioners have prayed for the following substantive relief:-

“Civil Writ Petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of writ, order or direction especially in the nature of Mandamus; thereby directing the respondents; for taking an appropriate legal action against the persons, who are going to establish a pit of sand, for the purpose of illegal mining under the jurisdiction of Ferozepur, instead of Tarn Taran.”

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that prior to the institution of this petition, the petitioners had even served the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur (respondent No.2), with a representation dated 11.12.2024 (P-1), as regards their concerns/grievances. However, he submits that even though, a considerable time has elapsed, but the matter has not made any tangible progress. Thus, this petition.

Served with the advance copy of the petition, Mr. Saurabh Kapoor, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, is present in Court. At the outset, he submits, for the competent authority is alleged to



be in seisin of the concerns/grievances of the petitioners, it would rather be expedient if the petition is disposed of, at this stage, to enable the authorities to consider and pass necessary orders on the representation (*ibid*), in accordance with law. Further, he submits that before any such orders are passed, the petitioners shall be heard, for which, a formal communication shall be issued to them, well in advance.

Learned counsel for the petitioners is in agreement with the course suggested by learned State counsel, and submits that let this petition be disposed of, in terms of the statement made by him. However, it is urged that the authorities be directed to decide the matter within a specified time.

In response, learned State counsel submits that appropriate orders shall be passed within a period of four weeks from today.

In the wake of the position sketched out above and in terms of the statements made by learned counsel for the parties, the petition is accordingly disposed of.

This Court is sanguine that the authorities shall look into the matter in the right earnest. And the appropriate orders shall be passed within the time indicated by learned State counsel.

Needless to assert that this order shall not constitute any expression of opinion on the merits of the case of either party, for, as indicated earlier, the competent authority shall examine the concerns/grievances of the petitioner, strictly in accordance with law.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

16.01.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No