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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-29092-2025

Date of decision: 16.10.2025

RAVINDER KUMAR AND OTHERS

....PETITIONERS

Versus

UNION TERRITORY OF CHANDIGARH AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: - Ms. Sonia G. Singh Samber, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sanjiv Ghai, Advocate for the respondents No.2 and 3.

SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (Oral)

The present petition appears to be an offshoot of the earlier proceedings in CWP-PIL-26-2024 where this Court on 29.08.2025 while disposing of the PIL had directed as follows:

“1. Learned counsel for respondent no. 2-Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh has filed an affidavit in CM-148 of 2025, stating that in the present case, the encroachments made by the motor mechanics have since been more or less cleared.

2. Certain motor mechanics have filed CM-140 of 2025, CM-141 of 2025 and CM-142 of 2025, seeking impleadment in the present petition.

3. The prayer for impleadment is rejected. However, in case, the motor mechanics are aggrieved by the removal of encroachments undertaken by the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, they are free to approach the appropriate Forum, in accordance with law.

4. With the aforesaid liberty, the present petition stands disposed of.

5. All pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.



2. From the above order, it is evident that this Court was dealing with a PIL raising public cause of unlawful encroachment in the Motor Market, Mani Majra.

3. This Court, after assessing the rights and liabilities of the rival parties, declined the prayer for impleadment of the alleged encroachers in the said PIL and disposed of the same by taking into account the information submitted by the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, that the encroachments made by motor mechanics in the Motor Market, Mani Majra, are being removed.

4. This petition has been filed by number of motor mechanics who have been displaced from the Motor Market, Mani Majra, and have been relocated to IT Park and other vending zones. The petitioners have also been issued Certificate of Vending at Zone B Sector IT Park and various sites allotted to petitioners as per Annexure -P-3.

5. It is not disputed by learned counsel for the petitioners that they have not yet shifted to the IT Park and other vending zones as enumerated in Certificate of Vending humilatingly filed as Annexure P-3.

6. The fall out of the above is that the rights and liabilities of street vendors are governed by The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 (for short 'the Act of 2014') and Rules frames thereunder. Under Section 20 of the Act of 2014, a Grievance Redressal Forum headed by a Former Civil Judge/Judicial Magistrate and two other professionals has been prescribed,

which is vested with jurisdiction to consider and decide grievances raised by street vendors.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioners does not dispute that the petitioners have not approached the said statutory forum constituted under the Act of 2014. The said statute provides for a further remedy under Section 20 Sub Section (4) against decision of Grievance Redressal Forum.

8. In view of the above, it is obvious that statute has provided a grievance redressal mechanism and also an Appellate forum for redressal of grievance of street vendors due to which this Court declines interference, especially in the absence of any jurisdictional error, this Court relegates the petitioners to avail the aforesaid remedy which if availed within a period of 15 working days, the same shall be entertained and decided on its own merits without being dismissed on limitation alone.

9. If the petitioners raise their grievance before the Grievance Redressal and Dispute Resolution Committee (GRDRC) within the aforesaid period, then the same shall be decided as expeditiously as possible since learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are without any source of livelihood.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

16.10.2025
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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |