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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-8769-2026

Date of decision: 10.04.2026

TARUN KUMAR MITTAL

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

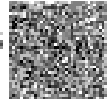
Present:- Mr. Nikhil Sabharwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Udit Garg, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present Civil Writ Petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing the letter dated 18.02.2026 (Annexure P-15) and Memo dated 18.02.2026 (Annexure P-14), along with the underlying internal office noting/decision dated 04.02.2026 (Annexure P-13), whereby the Deed Writer Licence dated 08.01.2024 (Annexure P-9) issued in favour of the petitioner has been ordered to be cancelled, with a further prayer to direct the respondents to restore and treat the licence of the petitioner as valid and subsisting and also to return the original licence to the petitioner.

2. Mr. Udit Garg, Addl. A.G., Haryana submitted that the file noting dated 04.02.2026 made by the Deputy Commissioner, Ambala with regard to cancellation of the licence of the petitioner has since been withdrawn and a fresh show cause notice has been issued and therefore, the present petition has become infructuous.



3. On the other hand, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that even if a fresh show cause notice has been issued, the same is based upon the enquiry on which the earlier termination order was passed and therefore, it will not be appropriate to issue a show cause notice on the basis of the enquiry already held.

4. Learned State counsel submitted that in view of the aforesaid apprehension expressed by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the fresh show cause notice issued to the petitioner shall also be withdrawn and liberty may be granted to the State to initiate a fresh enquiry against the petitioner and in case it is so required, to proceed in accordance with law, including issuance of a show cause notice.

5. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that in view of the stand taken by the learned State counsel on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner, Ambala, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of. Liberty is granted to the respondent-State to withdraw the show cause notice which has been recently issued to the petitioner and to initiate a fresh enquiry in accordance with law and thereafter, in case it is so required, to proceed against the petitioner. It is made clear that at every stage, the petitioner or his counsel shall be associated and shall be afforded an appropriate opportunity of hearing.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

10.04.2026
Chetan Thakur

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No