



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-27915-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 18.05.2026

M/s Farid Colonizers, Residential Colony namely 'Farid Enclave' and others

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

Punjab Pollution Control Board

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the present petition is for quashing of complaint bearing No.COMA-39-2024 dated 25.04.2024 titled as 'Punjab Pollution Control Board Vs. M/s. Farid Colonizers, Residential Colony through its Partners' filed under Sections 43, 44 read with Section 47 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 for violation of Sections 24, 25, 26 thereof as well as the summoning order dated 25.04.2024 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Faridkot, whereby the petitioners have been summoned to face trial.
2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has raised an argument that the complaint in question has been lodged with respect to the inspection carried out in August-2023 whereas as per the conveyance, the petitioner was to operate the STP for a period of five years from the date of issuance of the completion certificate. He submits that the completion

certificate having been obtained on 28.04.2017 and 29.07.2017 respectively, the responsibility of the petitioner as the Colonizer was to operate the said STP till 27.04.2022 and 28.07.2022 respectively. It is contended that the complaint, however, specifically mentions that the STP had never ever been operated. It thus seems that the petitioner is wanting to run away from his responsibility of having to operate the STP, which has thus caused contamination of the ground water. Following specific documents have been asked for from the counsel for the petitioner to refer to from the petitioner:

- (i) The date of commission of the STP Plant;
- (ii) The test results of the commissioning plant;
- (iii) The statutory requirement of drawing samples at regular intervals and the compliance reports thereof alongwith the test results;
- (iv) Details of persons deployed by the colonizer for operation of the STP Plant alongwith fee and salaries so paid;
- (v) The electricity consumption charges with respect to the installation of the STP Plant; and
- (vi) Purchase of requisite maintenance and infrastructure for ensuring the discharge in terms of requisite statutory compliance as specified by the Punjab Pollution Control Board

Faced with the above, counsel for the petitioner seeks withdrawal of the instant petition so as to take all pleas before the trial Court at an appropriate stage.

Dismissed as withdrawn with the liberty as aforesaid.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

18.05.2026

Mangal Singh

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