



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

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CWP-30146-2025

Date of Decision:- 02.04.2026

JALANDHAR FIREWORKS ASSOCIATION

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondent(s)

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

Present: Mr. Manuj Nagrath, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Pandher, Addl. Advocate General Punjab.

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SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed praying for the following reliefs:

- i. *To issue writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing the respondents to modify the order passed by the Director Industries Punjab bearing No.Tech/Explosive Rules/Part VII/4520-B dated 16.09.2025 (Annexure P-2), keeping in view the order dated 14.12.2022 (Annexure P-6) passed by this Hon'ble High Court in CWP No.23548 of 2017 and also in view of order dated 03.11.2023 (Annexure P-7), passed by this Hon'ble High Court in CWP No.24526 of 2023, so that the cap of 20% temporary licenses may be removed and temporary licenses to be issued to the shopkeepers as was done in the year 2016 and 2023.*
- ii. *For issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents to increase the clusters/number of site for sale of firecrackers, in view of the huge population of the Jalandhar city.*
- iii. *It is further prayed that during the pendency of the present writ petition, the condition with respect to cap of 20% of temporary licenses at the time of draw of lots scheduled to be held on 08.10.2025 for the area of Jalandhar, may kindly be stayed/kept in abeyance, in the interest of justice.*

<i>iv. xx</i>	<i>xx</i>	<i>xx</i>
<i>v. xx</i>	<i>xx</i>	<i>xx</i>
<i>vi. xx</i>	<i>xx</i>	<i>xx</i>
<i>vii. xx</i>	<i>xx</i>	<i>xx</i>

2. The grievance of the petitioner, who are members of the Jalandhar Fireworks Association is with regard to 20% cap on issuance of temporary licenses imposed by the Department of Industries and Commerce, Punjab.

3. The petition had been filed in respect of the Diwali festival of 2025. The festival is no doubt over but the grievance of the petitioner regarding 20% cap can still be raised before the competent authority.

4. In case any such grievance is raised by the petitioner Association or its members within a period of 30 days, the same shall be considered and decided on its own merits by the competent authority i.e. respondent No.2, at the opportune time, by passing a speaking order within a further period of four weeks.

5. With aforesaid liberty, petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

02.04.2026
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<i>i)</i>	<i>Whether speaking/reasoned?</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>ii)</i>	<i>Whether reportable?</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>