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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-34950-2025

Date of decision: 28.01.2026

M/S RAVENBHEL PHARMACEUTICALS PVT. LTD.

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondent(s)

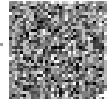
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Ms. Saloni Chhabra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Shruti, AAG, Punjab.

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 impugned order dated 23.09.2025 (Annexure P-19) passed by respondent No.4, order dated 07.01.2020 (Annexure P-13) passed by respondent No.5 and seizure of the stocks of the petitioner from its premises on 16.12.2019 against receipt dated 16.12.2019, with a further prayer to direct the respondents to consider and decide the appeal by taking into consideration all the submissions made by the petitioner and by passing a reasoned and speaking order and also to direct the respondents to release the stocks of medicines seized from the premises of the petitioner on 16.12.2019 against receipt dated 16.12.2019.



2. On 26.11.2025, while issuing notice of motion, the following order was passed by this Court:-

“Learned Senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner while referring to the order dated 23.09.2025 passed by the Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration, Punjab (Annexure P19) submitted that a perusal of the same shows that even after noting down the grounds and grievances of the petitioner the appeal has been dismissed by one stroke of pen which is reflected in para No. 15 of the order which is totally, a non-speaking and cryptic order on the face of it. He submits that none of the grounds as taken in the appeal has been considered despite the fact that in the earlier part of the order the same were noticed.

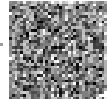
Notice of motion.

Mr. Raghav Goel, AAG., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

A perusal of the order dated 23.09.2025 passed by the Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration, Punjab (Annexure P19) would prima facie show that after noting all the grounds which were taken by the petitioner, none of the grounds has been considered at all and in just one paragraph, without even considering those grounds the appeal has been dismissed by the Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration, Punjab.

In view of the above, it is directed that The Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration, Punjab who has passed this order shall file his own affidavit to explain as to how and under what circumstances such a non-speaking and cryptic order has been passed by him.

Adjourned to 10.12.2025.”

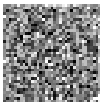


3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has referred to the aforesaid order dated 26.11.2025 passed by this Court.

4. At this stage, Ms. Shruti, AAG, Punjab submitted that in compliance with the aforesaid order passed by this Court, an affidavit dated 17.12.2025 has been filed by the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Punjab. The said affidavit is hereby taken on record. She referred to paragraph No.3 of the aforesaid affidavit, wherein the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Punjab has specifically stated that the appellate order does not expressly state the reasons and also referred to paragraph No.17, wherein the aforesaid Commissioner has further stated that in case of any lapse on his part, he tenders an unconditional and unqualified apology for the same.

5. Learned State counsel submitted that a perusal of the impugned order dated 23.09.2025 (Annexure P-19) passed by the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Punjab would show that no reasons have been stated therein and therefore, the matter may be remanded back to the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Punjab for passing a fresh order.

6. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances and considering the impugned order dated 23.09.2025 (Annexure P-19), which is a non-speaking order, as well as the affidavit filed by the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Punjab, the present Civil Writ Petition is partly allowed. The impugned order dated 23.09.2025 (Annexure P-19) passed by the appellate authority i.e. the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Punjab, is hereby set aside. The matter is remanded back to the Commissioner,



Food and Drugs Administration, Punjab, to pass a fresh and reasoned order after considering all the grounds taken by the petitioner in the appeal and after giving adequate opportunity of hearing to the petitioner or his counsel. It is made clear that the fresh order shall be passed with due application of mind and uninfluenced by the earlier order passed vide Annexure P-19 as well as the present order passed by this Court as this Court has not observed anything on the merits of the case. The fresh order shall be passed by the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Punjab, within a period of three months from today, strictly in accordance with law.

28.01.2026
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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