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

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Date of Decision: 01.04.2026

Rishipal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Ranvijay Singh, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Deepak Vashisth, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana
Mr. Ravish Kaushik, Advocate
for Haryana Water Resources Authority

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting aside of order dated 21.05.2025 whereby Haryana Water Resources Authority has directed Deputy Commissioner, Rewari to seal borewell installed in his premises.

2. On 05.12.2025, this Court passed the following order:

“Counsel for the petitioner submits that order, Annexure P-1, has been challenged by filing an appeal, Annexure P-4, under Section 24 of the Haryana Water Resources (Conservation, Regulation and Management) Act, 2020. Counsel asserts that the appeal is not being heard and vide communication dated 17.10.2025, Annexure P-6, petitioner has been intimated that the appeal shall be listed upon appointment of the Chairperson, Haryana Water Resources Authority. Counsel submits that by virtue of impugned order, Annexure P-1, petitioner’s tubewell has been sealed and there is an urgency in the matter as he has to irrigate his fields.



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Advance copy of the petition has been served upon the official respondents No.1 and 2.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ravish Kaushik, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana has put in appearance on their behalf and requests for short accommodation to get instructions.

List on 15.01.2026.”

3. The aforesaid order was followed by order dated 15.01.2026 which reads as:

Upon instructions from Mr. Karan Singh, Under Secretary, HWRA, State counsel submits that the process of appointment to the post of Chairperson, Haryana Water Resources Authority, is at the final stage.

On his request, list on 01.04.2026.”

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that impugned order has been passed without considering his submissions. Alleged offence is compoundable and he was not granted opportunity to compound the offence. Alleged borewell was not illegal and there was allegation of only misuse for commercial purposes.

5. Learned counsel for Haryana Water Resources Authority, refuting aforesaid submission, submits that borewell itself was illegal, nevertheless, the respondent would pass a fresh order after granting opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner agrees to the aforesaid arrangement.

7. In the wake of statement of both sides, the petition stands disposed of.

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8. The petitioner is directed to appear before Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Water Resources Authority, Panchkula on 06.04.2026 (Monday) at 11:00 AM and thereafter, as directed by said Authority. The competent authority shall consider petitioner's submissions and pass a fresh order within 6 weeks from today.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

01.04.2026*Mohit Kumar*

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