



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

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CWP-PIL-196-2025**Date of decision: 05.08.2025**

ASHOK BHANDARI

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR**

Present: Mr. Karan Kaushal, Advocate (Arguing counsel)
Mr. Nitesh Dalal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Mittal, Addl. A.G., Haryana
Mr. Karan Jindal, AAG, Haryana
Ms. Kushaldeep Kaur, Advocate
for the respondents.

SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (Oral)

1. The limited prayer in this Public Interest Litigation filed by petitioner, who happens to be resident of Sector 6, Panchkula, is that due to the bars and pubs running beyond the permissible timing of 3 AM as per clause 9.8.8 of Excise Policy of the State of Haryana for the year 2025-2027 (for short 'Excise Policy'), the petitioner along with other residents of the area have to face nuisance, especially in early hours of the day, people with inebriated state are found loitering around and creating ruckus and nuisance.

2. Learned Additional Advocate General for the State of Haryana, on advance notice, appears and assures that in future, no such instance of violation of the hours of sale in bars and pubs would be permitted, and the timeline prescribed



under clause 9.8.8 of Excise Policy shall be strictly adhered to.

3. In view of the assurance given by learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana, we are not inclined to proceed with this matter. We are confident that the timeline prescribed under clause 9.8.8 of Excise Policy shall be strictly adhered to by the State and its functionaries.

4. In case there is any such instance of breach of the said timeline, the petitioner is free to re-visit the Court.

5. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

**(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE**

05.08.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No