



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

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**CWP-PIL-204-2025****Date of decision: 08.08.2025**

NATRAJ SHAH

...Petitioner

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

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

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Present: Mr. Akshay Bhan, Sr. Advocate with  
Mr. Rohit Sud, Advocate  
Mr. Sameesh Bassi, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Rawal, Advocate  
for the respondents-UOI.

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**SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (Oral)**

1. Present petition, in the shape of Public Interest Litigation, has been filed by the petitioner who claims himself to be a public spirited person seeking quashing of tender No.CMSS/PROC/2024-25/NCVBDC/028, published on 15.01.2025 by respondent No.3. The work in question is procurement of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs), with one of the procurement areas at Zirakpur, Mohali, Punjab.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that even provisionally registered bidders with the Central Insecticides Board and Registration Committee under Section 9(3B) of the Insecticides Act, 1968 (for short 'the Act') are qualified to participate in the bidding process.

2.1 It is contended that a bidder who is merely provisionally registered and does not possess a permanent registration, does not have to go through the rigours of three years bioefficacy trial in three locations in terms of the



guidelines for registration of long lasting insecticide impregnated mosquito bed nets and long lasting insecticide incorporated mosquito net for registration under Section 9(3) of the Act.

2.2 Raising the aforesaid objection, the petitioner has preferred a representation dated 06.03.2025 (Annexure P-9) before various authorities including respondents No.1 and 3.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that it is respondent No.3 which is the tender issuing authority on the intend of respondent No.2, to whom the representation has not been made.

4. The petitioner is directed to make a representation to respondent No.2 also.

5. It would be therefore appropriate that instead of entering into the process of adjudication, the competent authority decides the said representation dated 06.03.2025 (Annexure P-9).

6. Let the representation be placed before the competent authority and the same be decided as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of one month. We hope and expect that the representation would be decided before any final call is taken on the process of tender.

7. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

**(SHEEL NAGU)  
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(SANJIV BERRY)  
JUDGE**

**08.08.2025**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No