



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.4646 of 2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision :19.02.2025

M/s Sagun Stone Crusher & Washing Plant

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present : Mr. H.V.Gupta, Advocate and
Mr. VPS Mithewal, Advocate for the petitioner.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral):

Petitioner (M/s Sagun Stone Crusher & Washing Plant) prays for a mandamus commanding respondent No.3 to consider and decide its application seeking registration of petitioner's Stone Crushing Unit/Screening Plant.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the registration granted to the petitioner's stone crushing unit initially, expired on 03.11.2023. And, for the petitioner failed to deposit the annual fee in terms of Ist proviso to clause 13(c) of the Punjab Crusher Policy, 2023, the same stood cancelled. However, he submits that the limited grievance that the petitioner has is: that despite a fresh application dated 30.04.2024, moved by the petitioner, per second proviso to clause 13(c) of the notification dated 02.08.2023, the matter continues to be pending with the authority indefinitely. And even a subsequent representation dated 27.01.2025, in this regard, has failed to evoke any response.

Served with the advance copy of the petition, Mr. Saurabh Kapoor, Addl. A.G. Punjab, is present in Court for the respondents.

At the outset, on instructions, he submits, for the competent authority has already in seizin of the application of the petitioner, it would be



expedient, if the petition is disposed of, for the present, to enable the respondent-authority to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, in accordance with law. He further submits that before any such orders are passed, the petitioner shall also be afforded an opportunity of hearing for which a formal communication shall be issued, well in advance.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is agreeable to the course suggested by learned State counsel and submits that let this petition be disposed of in terms of the statement made by him. However, it is urged that the competent authority be directed to decide the matter within a specified time.

In response, learned State counsel submits that appropriate orders shall be passed within three weeks from today.

The petition is, accordingly, disposed of in terms of the statements made by learned counsel for the parties.

This Court is sanguine that the competent authority shall look into the matter in the right earnest. And, appropriate orders, in accordance with law, shall be passed within the time indicated by learned State counsel.

Needless to assert that this order shall not constitute any expression of opinion on the merits of the case of either party, for, as indicated above, the competent authority shall examine the claim/grievance of the petitioner, strictly in accordance with law.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

19.02.2025

Manoj Bhutani

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