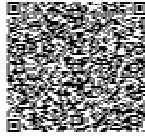




IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:011348-DB



Civil Writ Petition No. 35163 of 2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 27.01.2025

Singla Ice Factory and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL, JUDGE

Present : Mr. Prashant Bansal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

Ms. Vasundhra Asija Bhandari, Advocate with
Mr. Varenium Asija, Advocate, for respondents No.2 & 3.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

Learned counsel for respondents No.2 and 3 has filed an affidavit sworn by Shri Ashwani, Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Jind Region, accompanied by an order dated 23.01.2025 (Annexure R-2/9) invoking the earlier order dated 07.02.2024 (Annexure R-2/7) by which the factory of the petitioners was sealed and directing the Executing Engineer, DHBVN, Jind to restore the electricity supply to the said unit of the petitioners. The aforesaid affidavit is taken on record.

2. In view of the aforesaid, the cause raised in the present petition appears to have rendered infructuous.

3. What is unfortunate to note is that despite the Appellate Authority vide order dated 16.05.2024 observing that the appellants (petitioners herein) possess valid CTO up to 31.12.2030 and directing for removal of seals put on



the unit of the petitioners, the Haryana State Pollution Control Board took nearly six to seven months to rise from the stupor and pass orders directing for restoration of electric supply and also de-sealing of the unit of the petitioners.

4. The petitioners have been compelled to approach this Court in this avoidable peace of litigation which is creature of inaction on the part of the Haryana State Pollution Control Board which deserves to be saddled with exemplary costs.

5. Besides compelling the petitioners to file this avoidable peace of litigation, the Board has also wasted precious time of this Court in dealing with vexatious peace of litigation. The precious time of the Court could have been utilized in deciding more pressing matter.

6. Accordingly, costs of Rs.50,000/- is imposed upon the Haryana State Pollution Control Board, out of which a sum of Rs.10000/- be paid to the petitioners and the remaining amount of Rs.40000/- be deposited in the account of the Poor Patients Fund at PGIMER, Chandigarh.

7. With these observations, the petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

27.01.2025

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