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Drug De-addiction

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB
& HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Attested
Incharge/Asstt. Clerk
Criminal Justice Agency,
High Court of Punjab,
Chandigarh
15919
CWP (PIL) No. _____/2014

Sh. H.C. Arora, Advocate, s/o late Sh. Sunder Dass, r/o H.No. 2299, Sector 44-C, Chandigarh.

....Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Punjab through its Chief Secretary, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.
2. Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Room No. 227, Second Floor, Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh.
3. Secretary, Punjab School Education Board, PSEB Complex, , Phase-8, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

.....Respondents

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Attorney
In Charge
Central Government
Hr.
Chandigarh

Civil Writ Petition (PIL) under article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, or any other appropriate writ, order or directions for directing the respondents to evolve comprehensive policy for de-addiction of the drug victims (drug addicts) by involving all the three well known systems of treatment namely Allopathic, Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic, inter-alia on the ground that (i) the problem of drug addiction in the State of Punjab is so huge that it cannot be solved by treatment only through allopathic system; (ii) the treatment of drug addicts through allopathic system results into drug addicts taking more quantity of the same drugs like tramadol as substitute for the drug being previously being used by them; (iii) The other two systems namely Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic system of treatment are comparatively less expensive than allopathic and can be utilized as supplement to the allopathic system in the larger interest of State of Punjab which is facing fund crunch for several years;

AND for issuance of Writ of Mandamus or any other writ, direction or order for directing the respondents to evolve comprehensive policy for rehabilitation of the drug victims (drug addicts), inter-alia, on the grounds that (i) the present campaign of the Punjab Government is only confined to detoxification and de-addiction of the drug addicts who again start taking drugs, in the absence of any source of livelihood or rehabilitation; (ii) the major reason for addiction of drugs being unemployment also. Such policy for rehabilitation of the drug addicts is quite essential as long-term measure for eradication of the drugs from the State of Punjab;

AND for issuance of further Writ of Mandamus for directing the respondents to effectively involve Private Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centres, by extending free treatment to the drug addicts at private de-addiction centers, subject to specified limit so that drug addicts particularly those of poor families may get free treatment at private de-addiction centers also, particularly because in view of huge problem of de-addiction

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prevailing in the State of Punjab only
Government De-addiction centers can not cope
with such huge problem;

AND for issuance of a further writ of
Mandamus, or any other appropriate direction,
or order for directing the respondents to
incorporate the subject of "harmful effects of
drugs" in the syllabus of Middle and Higher
Secondary Schools, for educating the students
against use of drugs;

AND for grant of any other relief to the
petitioner in the facts and circumstances of the
instant case.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :-

1. That the petitioner is an Indian citizen. He is a resident of Chandigarh. He is practicing as an advocate in Hon'ble Courts at Chandigarh. He is a public spirited person and has filed a number of civil writ petitions, in the form of PILs, in this Hon'ble Court, including C.W.P. No.22895/2012 (H.C. Arora v. State of Punjab and others), in which a number of directions have been issued by this Hon'ble Court, for free treatment, compensation and rehabilitation of acid attack victims. The instant civil writ petition is also aimed at seeking relief for drug-victims (addicts). The deponent is filing this CWP, after visiting several de-

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Date of decision: 12.08.2014

H.C.Arora

... Petitioner

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State of Punjab and others

... Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ASHUTOSH MOHUNTA
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. H.C.Arora, Advocate, petitioner in person

ASHUTOSH MOHUNTA, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

The relief claimed by the petitioner in this writ petition has also been sought by him by filing representations (Annexure P-5 to P-7). Learned counsel submits that the action is taken expeditiously on the representations filed by the petitioner.

After hearing Mr. H.C.Arora, appearing in person, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to look into the representations (Annexure P-5 to P-7) filed by the petitioner and take appropriate steps in accordance with law expeditiously, preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order. The order be communicated to the petitioner. In case the respondent No.2 requires assistance from the petitioner then he may call the petitioner.

(ASHUTOSH MOHUNTA)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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