

Present : Mr. Raman Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Rupinder Khosla, Addl. A.G. Punjab
for respondents No.1 and 2

Mr. D.S.Patwalia, Advocate
for respondent No.3.

Counter affidavit filed on behalf of respondent No.3 and the documents enclosed therewith indicate that a large number of notices have been issued to the Hotels, Restaurants, Resorts, Marriage Palaces and Automobile Workshops with wet process for violation of the provisions of The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. Some of these establishments have applied for grant of consent and renewal while others have not.

Learned counsel appearing for Punjab Pollution Control Board-respondent No.3 submits that in cases where no request for grant of consent has been received, the Board shall take appropriate steps and issue appropriate orders for closure and institute proceedings for prosecution of the establishments within three months from today. In cases, where requests for grant or renewal have been received from the establishments, he prays for six months time to do the needful. Time prayed for is granted. The Board shall file a status report about the action taken in both the categories mentioned above on or before the next date of hearing.

The affidavit filed by Mr. Khosla, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab is taken on record.

Post again on 28.03.2010

Sd/- T.S. Thakur
Chief Justice

Sd/- Kanwaljit Singh Ahluwalia
Judge

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for respondent Nos.1 and 2
Mr.D.S.Patwalia, Advocate for respondent No.3

An action taken report has been filed which is taken on record.
Further time of three months has been sought to take action pursuant to order
dated 10.8.2009.

Mr.Sharma, learned counsel for the petitioner also pointed out
that one of the perennial grievances of respondent No.3 has been the
shortage of staff. The issues of environment are of vital importance to the
well being of the society in general and the citizens in particular.
Respondent Nos.1 and 2 are directed to obtain instructions as to the steps
taken for augmentation of the staff of respondent No.3 before the next date
of hearing. Further status report be filed on or before 15.7.2010. An
affidavit indicating the steps taken for augmentation of the staff shall also be
filed on before the same date.

List again on 2.8.2010.

(Mukul Mudgal)
Chief Justice

(Jasbir Singh)
Judge

29.03.2010
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