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

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Date of Decision: 23.04.2026

Lal Chand and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Vivek Goyal, Advocate and
Mr. Shubham, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Upasana Dhawan, AAG, Haryana.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant civil writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India, *inter alia*, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of *Certiorari* to cancel/quash the No Objection Certificate (NOC) dated 05.11.2024 (Annexure P-7) issued by learned Sub Divisional Engineer, Kaithal and NOC dated 14.11.2024 (Annexure P-8) issued by the learned Executive Engineer, Kaithal.

2. During the course of hearing of this writ petition, the attention of the learned counsel for the petitioners was drawn towards the Rule 150 of the Petroleum Rules, 2002, which provides for cancellation of No Objection Certificate by the District Authority or the State Government. The said rule



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reads as under:-

“Rule 150. Cancellation of no objection certificate-

(1) A no objection certificate granted under rule 144 shall be liable to be cancelled by the District Authority or the State Government, if the District Authority or the State Government is satisfied that the licensee has ceased to have any right to use the site for storing petroleum:

Provided that before cancelling a no objection certificate, the licensee shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(2). A District Authority or a State Government cancelling a no objection certificate shall record, in writing, the reasons for such cancellation and shall immediately furnish to the licensee and to the licensing authority concerned, a copy of the order cancelling the no objection certificate.”

3. Faced with this situation, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have already submitted a representation dated 13.03.2026 (Annexure P-14), seeking cancellation of the aforesaid NOC(s); however, no action has been taken by the concerned learned Deputy Commissioner, Kaithal, till date; accordingly, he prays for issuance of time bound directions to respondent No.5 – Deputy Commissioner, Kaithal to take a final decision on the representation dated 13.03.2026 (Annexure P-14), by considering the same under Rule 150 of the Petroleum Rules, 2002.

4. At this stage, Ms. Upasana Dhawan, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana, appears on behalf of respondents-State, in pursuance of the advance copy of paper book having already been supplied to the State. She on instructions from Ms. Aarti Panwar, ADA, Kaithal, submits that the aforesaid representation dated 13.03.2026 (Annexure P-14) would be considered by respondent No.5 – Deputy Commissioner, Kaithal/competent

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authority and appropriate decision would be taken thereon, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all concerned parties, in accordance with law, within a period of two months from today.

5. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions made by learned State counsel, no further orders are required to be passed in the present writ petition and the present writ petition is disposed of, accordingly.

6. All the pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

23.04.2026*Pd***(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No