

WPMS No. 2250 of 2020

with

WPMS No. 2251 of 2020

Hon'ble Manoj K. Tiwari, J.

Mr. Akram Parvej, Advocate, holding brief of Mr. Sandeep Kothari, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Tumul K. Nainwal, Brief Holder for the State of Uttarakhand/ respondents.

Heard learned counsel for the parties through video conferencing.

Since common questions of fact and law are involved in these writ petitions, therefore these petitions are clubbed together and are being heard & decided together. However, for the sake of convenience, facts of WPMS No. 2250 of 2020 are being considered.

Petitioner is engaged in the sale and purchase of river bed material and also its crushing.

By means of this writ petition, petitioner has sought following relief:

“(a) To issue a writ order or direction in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents not to block the e-portal of the petitioner for sale and purchase of mines and minerals and further not to interfere with the condition of license during the period of its continuance.”

Learned Brief Holder has pointed out that petitioner has made representation to the Director, Geology & Mining Unit, Uttarakhand on 03.11.2020 (Annexure-3 to the writ petition), in which, he has highlighted his grievances.

Since petitioner has approached the Competent Authority for redressal of his grievance, therefore, writ petitions are disposed of with a direction to Director,

Geology & Mining Unit, Uttarakhand to take decision on petitioner(s) representation(s), as early as possible, preferably, within three weeks from the date of production of certified copy of this order along with copy of the representation(s).

For a period of three weeks or till decision is taken on petitioner(s) representation(s), whichever is earlier, *status quo* regarding e-portal of the petitioner, shall be maintained.

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(Manoj K. Tiwari, J.)

28.11.2020