IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF PANJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

C.W.P. No 1257 of 2008

(Public Interest Litigation)

Hemant Goswami

Union of India & Ors.

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Note :- No notice of caveat petition has been received by the petitioner.

- Note:-1. The main law points involved in the writ petition are in para no. 19 to 22 at page nos. 11 & 12 of the writ petition.
 - 2. Relevant Rules and Statues:- Constitution of India

Indian Penal Code 1860

Code of Criminal Procedure 1974

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Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and Rules

3. Any Other Case:- Nil

(A. P. S. Shergill) (Kavita Mahajan) Place:- Chandigarh ADVOCATE Date:- January 25, 2008 COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONER Enrolment No. P-810/1993

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Application under section 151 C.P.C. for grant of exemption from filing the certified copies of Annexures P-1 to P-4.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:-

1. That the above mentioned Civil Writ Petition is being filed in this Hon'ble High Court and is likely to succeed on the basis of grounds taken therein.

2. That the certified copies of Annexures P-1 to P-4 are not readily available with the petitioners. However, true copies of Annexures are being filed for the kind perusal of this Hon'ble Court. Hence, this application.

It is, therefore, respectfully prayed that this application may kindly be allowed and filing of the certified copies of Annexures P-1 to P-4 may kindly be dispensed with.

Note: No affidavit is necessary.

Chandigarh Date:- January 25, 2008 (A.P.S.Shergill) (Kavita Mahajan) Advocates Counsel for the Petitioner

LIST & DATES OF EVENTS

11:50 A.M. on Municipal Corporation Staff along with volunteer of January 21, 2008 NGO Burning Brain Society in a drive to remove road side tobacco vendors reach the compound of the High Court and find that the tobacco vendor sitting at the back side of the "Fauji Canteen" to be selling a product appearing to be "Charas/Hashish." MC seizes the material under routine activity of removing the encroachment.

2:20 P.M. on The SSP of Chandigarh, the Home Secretary and

January 21, 2008 other officials informed about drug trafficking. Urgent SMS message sent to them.

07:20 P.M. on The SSP of Chandigarh sends an SMS back to

- January 21, 2008 enquire about the matter petitioner replied back and the information sought by SSP, Chandigarh provided by the petitioner.
- January 22, 2008 No Action taken against the seized drugs. No FIR/Complaint registered. SSP omits to instruct his staff to arrest/apprehend the Drug Traffickers. The seized product not taken possession of and not being tested for Narcotics.
- 08:20 P.M. on Petitioner again sends an urgent message to SSP
- January 22, 2008 of Chandigarh for action. The SSP replies that his junior ASP Central may be contacted.
- January 22, 2008 A/DSP Randhawa of Chandigarh Police says that the seized material looks like CHURAN. Informs that no complaint registered and the material not officially tested.
- 01:30 P.M. on The petitioner along with a volunteer got the January 23, 2008 suspected material tested with "Narcotics Control Bureau." The material is tested positive for

Charas/Hashish.

03:30 P.M. on January 23, 2008 The petitioner through A.P.S. Shergill made a mention and request to the Bench of The Hon'ble Chief Justice in the court and requested for intervention. Hon'ble Chief Justice was kindly pleased to direct the Registrar to look into the matter. The Hon'ble Registrar General talked to SSP, Chandigarh and asked him to initiate the investigation and appropriate action under law.

04:25 P.M. on The petitioner along with A.P.S. Shergill went to

- January 23, 2008 meet the SSP. The SSP was said to be in meeting. The petitioner and Advocate A.P.S. Shergill met the Home Secretary, Mr. Krishan Mohan IAS and apprised and updated him on the matter.
- 06:30 P.M. on ASP Central and the Additional SHO, Sector 3
- January 23, 2008 Police Station calls the petitioner and asks him for a statement. A time for January 24, 2008 fixed but no one from the police turns up.

03:30 PM The petitioner along with Mr. H. S. Rathee went to

January 24, 2008 the office of ASP Central, but he was said to be busy in a meeting and after waiting the petitioner came back.

January 21, 2008 to till date The offenders of a cognizable non-bailable offence escape and the public servant whose duty it was to apprehend them omitted to perform their duty. No action which is procedurally correct and would have been helpful in bringing the culprits to law initiated by the SSP Police or any other official.

Hence, this civil writ petition is being filed before this Hon'ble Court.

Chandigarh(A. P. S. Shergill) (Kavita Mahajan)Date:- January 25, 2008Advocate

Counsel for the Petitioner

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Hemant Goswami, aged 37 years, S/o Sh B. M. Goswami, Chairperson, Burning Brain Society, #3, Glass office, Shivalikview Business Arcade, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh 160017

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- Union of India through Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi - 110 001
- Chandigarh Administration through Home Secretary, UT Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh 160 009
- Chandigarh Police through I.G. Police, Police Headquarters, Sector 9, Chandigarh 160 009
- Central Bureau of Investigation, through DIG, CBI Complex, Sector 30, Chandigarh 160 020
- Narcotics Control Bureau through its Zonal Director, H. No. 80, Sector-2, Chandigarh.
- Mr. Sudhanshu Srivastava, Indian Police Service, Senior Superintendent of Police Chandigarh, Police Headquarters, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

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Civil Writ Petition under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India for issuance of writ of Mandamus for directing the respondents to initiate prosecution against the senior police officials u/s 59 of NDPS Act and Sections 166 and 221 of the IPC; who despite being public servant, knowingly disobeyed the mandatory directions of the law as to the way in which he is to conduct himself as such public servant being the District Police Chief of Chandigarh, intending to cause, or knowing it to be likely that he will, by such disobedience, cause injury to any person. And who being a public servant and being, legally bound as such public servant to a person charged with or liable to apprehended for an offence, intentionally omits to apprehend such person. Such omission to perform duty by an officer as senior as the SSP of Chandigarh also resulted in a failure to get a big racket and nexus of packed drugs being sold in the region (Union Territory of Chandigarh) from being exposed;

And

Writ, order or direction in the nature of Writ of Mandamus be issued, directing the Chandigarh Administration to develop a system wherein all complaints/information relating to cognizable offence are registered immediately, without any delay, by any means of communication accepted under law and the Information Technology Act, 2000;

And

Writ, order or direction in the nature of Writ of Mandamus be issued, directing the Union Home Ministry to get the matter investigated by Narcotics Control Bureau and to take corrective action with regard to the failure to act by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh, despite adequate information;

And

Writ, order or direction in the nature of Writ of Mandamus be issued, directing the Central Bureau of Investigation to investigate all the possibilities of sinister designs and the nexus of drug mafia/drug peddlers with any law enforcement agency and the criminals engaged in drug sales all over the region;

And

Any other appropriate writ, order or direction this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of this present peculiar case be also kindly be made to meet the ends of justice and ensure rule, supremacy of law.

RESPECTIVELY SHOWETH:

 That the Petitioner is a social activist associated with many civil society organizations and actively engaged in public welfare work including works against Tobacco & Substance abuse and is associated with many national and international organizations related to tobacco control and public health. The petitioner is engaged in various social, public interest and civil rights activities concerning the youngsters and the public in general. Petitioner is also heading a civil society organization called "Burning Brain Society" and also works for providing guidance to the young people and to help them find a positive and healthy direction in life. The works against Tobacco & Substance abuse has been widely recognized nationally and globally. The circumstances of the present case entitles the petitioner to invoke the extraordinary jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court by way of public interest litigation as drug menace is destroying the very basic foundations of civilized society.

- 2. That at around 2:00 P.M. on January 21, 2008, the petitioner came to know through a volunteer of Burning Brain Society named Mr. H. S. Rathee, who was coordinating a special drive of the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh to remove the illegal encroachments by road side tobacco vendors that certain products highly suspicious of being drugs/narcotics were being sold inside the compound of this Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.
- 3. That since the information related to a cognizable and nonbailable offence of a serious nature under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, coupled with the Indian Penal Code, so the petitioner tried to contact respondent No.6 immediately but he did not pick up his mobile phone as the information was of sensitive nature and was to be conveyed to him only for appropriate action. On being unable to contact respondent no.6 through telephone, the petitioner informed the enforcement agencies by flashing a message through SMS to the SSP, Mr. Sudhanshu Srivastava on telephone number 9872991791, the Home Secretary, Chandigarh Administration and Police at approximately at around 2: 20 (Between 2:00 P.M and 3:00 P.M.) on January 21, 2008. The message read, "Dear Sir, while removing the roadside tobacco vendors the MC staff have found one vendor to be selling drugs too. They have seized the material under the routine

drive. It appears to be narcotic (Marijuana and opium). Immediate action is required. Hemant Goswami"

- 4. That at around 07:20 P.M. on January 21, 2008 a SMS response came from the mobile of Mr. Sudhanshu Srivastava 9872991791, which read, "Just read ur sms as was tied up in interviews. which area ? ---original--- Dear Sir, While removing the roadside tobacco vendors the MC staff have found one vendor to be selling drugs too. They have seized the material under the routine drive. It appears to be narcotic (Marijuana and opium). Immediate action is required Hemant Goswami." The petitioner responded by sending an SMS back with the message, "It was found with a vendor in the high court compound. Apparently looks to be marijuana. Sec 3 p. S informed," and the SSP replied back through SMS, which read, "OK Thnx" at 07:28 P.M. on January 21, 2008.
- 5. That no action was still taken against the drug vendors, no FIR/Complaint was lodged even the next day on January 22, 2008. The petitioner followed the matter with the police directly and through the volunteers of the NGO "Burning Brain Society" but still no action was taken. As a result at around 8: 20 P.M. on January 22, 2008, the petitioner again flashed another SMS to the SSP Mr. Sudhanshu Srivastava on his mobile 9872991791 which read "Surprising that even after 24 hours no testing of the product seized has been done and no complaint registered. If it is not what is suspected, then let it be ruled out. Such response is a serious matter. We are getting one of the pouches tested at our level from Delhi. Regards Hemant Goswami." The SSP Mr. Sudhanshu Srivastava through his mobile 9872991791 responded back at around 08:25 P.M. "better contact ASP Central."

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- 6. The petitioner talked to Mr. S. S. Randhawa, the DSP Chandigarh Police who said that it does not appear to be a serious matter and may be the product seized is just "Churan." He informed that no FIR has been registered and the product was still not being sent for testing.
- 7. That no action was taken even on the 23rd January 2008 by the Chandigarh Police. In the meanwhile, the petitioner approached the "Narcotics Control Bureau" Chandigarh with a pouch (labeled as "Bhola") of the suspected material, obtained by one of the volunteers of "Burning Brain Society" just prior to the seizure of the material from the road-side vendors by the MC.
- That the "Narcotics Control Bureau" Chandigarh conducted a preliminary test at around 01:30 P.M. on January 23, 2008 and issued a certificate which confirmed the presence of Charas (Hashish) in the said pouch. (Copy Annexed as Annexure P-1)
- 9. That since the matter also pertained to the High Court so at around 03:30 the petitioner and Advocate A.P.S. Shergill approached the Bench of Hon'ble Chief Justice for intervention in the matter and the Hon'ble Chief Justice was pleased to direct the "Registrar General High Court" to intervene in the matter. The "Registrar General High Court" telephoned the SSP and asked him to take immediate cognizance and asked the petitioner and Advocate APS Shergill to meet the SSP.
- 10.That the petitioner and Advocate A.P.S. Shergill went to the office of the SSP but he was not available as his staff told that the SSP was busy in a meeting. Thereafter the petitioner left a copy of the complaint and updated the reader of the SSP about the case. In the absence of the SSP, the petitioner and Advocate A.P.S. Shergill met the Home Secretary Mr. Krishna Mohan and

updated him about the issue. (Copy of complaint annexed as **Annexure P-2**; gate pass annexed as **Annexure P-3** and receipt of the official complaint annexed as **Annexure P-4**)

- 11.That credible action which could have led to arrest and apprehension of all the people involved in the chain of drug trade and expose the nexus which could have national and international ramifications is yet awaited. The action taken even after the intervention of the Hon'ble High Court is not serious in nature and just a cover up diverting attention from the main issue of drug peddling in the compound of Second Highest Hon'ble Court of the land and the possibility of all the links and chains of drug mafia in the region.
- 12. That the modus-operandi of the senior officers in routine to escape accountability is to shift the blame on the junior staff and escape the responsibility themselves. In this particular instance it is the SSP, Chandigarh Mr. Sudhanshu Srivastava who was aware of the information and had the unambiguous responsibility to act immediately without delay. Even after the "Registrar General" talked to the SSP Mr. Sudhanshu Srivastava, he still failed to act in the spirit of the law with an apparent intention to protect and safeguard the culprits involved in drug trading and thereby expose the whole chain of drug trafficking. Even after two days of the complaint being made no FIR has been registered till date and the seized material has not been tested. It is worth mentioning that it took the petitioner merely five minutes to get the preliminary testing done from respondent No.5, whereas to the knowledge and information of the petitioner nothing has been done so far by the official machinery. It is morally shocking that such a grave incident has taken place, but it has not been given any attention by the law enforcement agencies of Chandigarh.

13.That sale and recovery of drug is a serious matter and the "Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPA ACT)" provides for a punishment upto 10 years, Section 20 of the NDPS Act reads as follows;

"Section 20: Punishment for contravention in relation to cannabis plant and cannabis. -Whoever, in contravention of any provision of this Act or any rule or order made or condition of licence granted thereunder, -

- (a) Cultivates any cannabis plant; or
- (b) Produces, manufactures, possess, sells, purchases, transports, imports inter-State, exports interstate or uses cannabis, shall be punishable, -
 - Where such contravention relates to ganja or the cultivation of cannabis plant, with rigorous imprisonment for a term, which may extend to five years and shall be liable to fine, which may extend to fifty thousand rupees;
 - (ii) Where such contravention relates to cannabis other than ganja, with rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than ten years but which may extend to twenty years and shall also be liable to fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees and which may extend to two lakh rupees:

Provided that the court may, for reasons to be recorded in the judgment, impose a fine exceeding two lakh rupees."

- 14.That by failing to act on clear well-defined and verifiable information with regard to a cognizable and non-bailable offence and by not immediately acting immediately and thereby allowing the criminals to escape, apprehending whom was the responsibility and duty of the police officer informed in this regard; the SSP, Mr. Sudhanshu Srivastava IPS and the other officials having information about the above-mentioned cognizable and non-bailable offence have clearly omitted to perform their lawful duty and which apparently looks like a deliberate and well thought out action.
- 15.That Section 221 of the Indian Penal Code reads that,

"Section 221: Intentional omission to apprehend on the part of public servant bound to apprehend: -Whoever, being a public servant, legally bound as such public servant to apprehend or to keep in confinement any person charged with or liable to apprehended for an offence, intentionally omits to apprehend such person, or intentionally suffers such person to escape, or intentionally aids such person in escaping or attempting to escape from such confinement, shall be punished as follows, that is to say:-

With imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to seven years, with or without fine, if the person in confinement, or who ought to have been apprehended, was charged with, or liable to be apprehended for, an offence punishable with death; or

With imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, with or without fine, if the person in confinement or who ought to have been apprehended, was charged with, or liable to be apprehended for, an offence punishable with imprisonment for life or imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years; or

With imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, with or without fine, if the person in confinement, or who ought to have been apprehended, was charged with, or liable to be apprehended for, an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term less than ten years.

16. That Section 166 of the Indian Penal Code reads that,

"Section 166: Public servant disobeying law, with intent to cause injury to any person:-Whoever, being a public servant, knowingly disobeys any direction of the law as to the way in which he is to conduct himself as such public servant, intending to cause, or knowing it to be likely that he will, by such disobedience, cause injury to any person, shall be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both. 17.That Section 59 of the "Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985" reads that,

> "Section 59: Failure of officer in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Act. -

- (1) Any officer, on whom any duty has been imposed by or under this Act and who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of his official superior or has other lawful excuse for so doing, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both."
- 18.That the respondent No.6 Mr. Sudhanshu Srivastava IPS, SSP Chandigarh and the other officials having information about a cognizable and non-bailable offence appears to have committed a criminal offence punishable under Section 166 and 221 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 59 of the NDPS Act, besides other legal provisions pertaining to omission to perform one's duty and failing to apprehend an offender.

LAW POINTS

19. That the law points involved in this Writ petition are as follows:-

- Whether such omission to act and take suitable action to apprehend an offender makes an offence under Section 166, 221 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 59 of the NDPS Act?
- Whether it is the discretion of senior police officers to refuse investigation and/or to register an

FIR/Complaint even in serious criminal matters which are of cognizable and non-bailable in nature and about which there is reliable and unambiguous information?

- iii. Whether the SSP, Chandigarh Police had omitted to perform his lawful duty to apprehend the culprits known to be engaged in a criminal activity punishable by more than 5 years?
- iv. Whether the SSP, Chandigarh has done an act unbecoming of a responsible police officer incharge of a Union Territory and capital of three states entitled to continue at his present place of posting?
- v. Whether the Union Government and Chandigarh Administration and an independent agency like the CBI needs to investigate about the possibility of a sinister design and nexus between some police officials and the criminals selling drugs in the region?
- Whether the respondent can act in a manner so as to defeat the objectives and the spirit of a statutory and parliamentary law?
- 20.That the petitioner has not filed any such Writ petition in this Hon'ble Court or Supreme Court of India.
- 21.That the matter is of vital general importance affecting the general public and the entire country and requires intervention of this Hon'ble Court to direct the respondents to initiate prosecution against the SSP and the other police officials for omitting to perform their lawful duty and to strictly follow the legislative intent of the NDPS Act, and other laws relating to the sale of intoxicants, psychotropic substance, drugs and narcotics.

22.That there is no other alternative remedy of appeal or revision available to the petitioners except to approach this Hon'ble Court by way of filing the present writ petition.

RELIEF SOUGHT

It is, therefore, respectfully prayed, that an Order, Writ or direction in the nature of Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ be issued directing the respondents to investigate and initiate prosecution against the respondent No.6 and all the other officials who had failed to act on specific information of drug trafficking, omitted to perform their duty and thereby failed to apprehend the suspected criminals.

- (ii) for issuance of writ of Mandamus for directing the respondents to initiate prosecution against the senior police officials u/s 59 of NDPS Act and Sections 166 and 221 of the IPC; who despite being public servant, knowingly disobeyed the mandatory directions of the law as to the way in which he is to conduct himself as such public servant being the District Police Chief of Chandigarh, intending to cause, or knowing it to be likely that he will, by such disobedience, cause injury to any person. And who being a public servant and being, legally bound as such public servant to a person charged with or liable to apprehended for an offence, intentionally omits to apprehend such person. Such omission to perform duty by an officer as senior as the SSP of Chandigarh also resulted in a failure to get a big racket and nexus of packed drugs being sold in the region (Union Territory of Chandigarh) from being exposed;
- (iii) Writ, order or direction in the nature of Writ of Mandamus be issued, directing the Chandigarh Administration to develop a system wherein all complaints/information relating to cognizable offence are registered immediately, without any delay, by any

means of communication accepted under law and the Information Technology Act, 2000;

- (iv) Writ, order or direction in the nature of Writ of Mandamus be issued, directing the Union Home Ministry to get the matter investigated by Narcotics Control Bureau and to take corrective action with regard to the failure to act by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh, despite adequate information;
- (v) Writ, order or direction in the nature of Writ of Mandamus be issued, directing the Central Bureau of Investigation to investigate all the possibilities of sinister designs and the nexus of drug mafia/drug peddlers with any law enforcement agency and the criminals engaged in drug sales all over the region;
- (vi) Any other appropriate writ, order or direction this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of this present peculiar case be also kindly be made to meet the ends of justice and ensure rule, supremacy of law.
- (vii) Filing of certified and fair typed copies of Annexures P-1 to P-4 may kindly be dispensed with, and permission to file Photostat copies be granted.
- (viii) the present writ petition may kindly be allowed with costs.

Place: Chandigarh

Date:-January 25, 2008

PETITIONER

Through Counsel:-

(A. P. S. Shergill) (Kavita Mahajan)

Advocates for the Petitioner

VERIFICATION: -

Verified that the contents of paras No. 1 to 18 and para No. 20 to 22 are true and correct to my knowledge, whereas, contents in para 19 are based on legal advice which I believe to be true and correct. No part of it is false and nothing has been concealed therein.

Place: Chandigarh Date:-January 25, 2008

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Affidavit of Hemant Goswami, aged 37 years, S/o Sh B. M. Goswami, Chairperson, Burning Brain Society, #3, Glass office, Shivalikview Business Arcade, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh 160017.

I, the above named dependent do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. That the deponent is filing the accompanying civil writ petition in this Hon'ble High Court. The contents of the civil writ petition may be read as a part and parcel of this Affidavit. The civil writ petition has been drafted under the instructions of the deponent. The deponent declares that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to his knowledge and he is fully conversant with the facts of the present case.

Chandigarh Date:-January 25, 2008

Deponent

VERIFICATION: -

Verified that the contents of my above stated affidavit comprising of one para are true and correct to my knowledge. No part of it is false and nothing has been concealed there from.

Chandigarh Date:-January 25, 2008

Deponent

Annexure P-1

NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs H. No. 80, SEC.-2, Chandigarh. Chandigarh Zonal Unit Ph.: 2749731, 2749537 Telefax: 2749536

CERTIFICATE

This is to certified that Shri Hemant Goswami, Chairperson of Burning Brain Society, Sector-17, Chandigarh has produced one plastic pouch marked as BHOLA containing chares like substances. On dt. 23/1/08 at 13:30 hrs. The said material tested with the help of Drug Detection Kit by the undersigned and tested found positive for 'chares' (Hashish).

Pre-liminary Report submitted please.

Sd/-

Superintendent Narcotics Control Bureau Chandigarh

True Copy

BBS/HG/Information/CP/2008/01 January 22, 2008

Station House Officer, Chandigarh Police, Sector 3 Police Station, Chandigarh

INFORMATION ABOUT DRUG TRAFFICKING IN CHANDIGARH

Sir,

The undersigned, who is a social activist associated with many civil society organizations including "Burning Brain Society" and "Society for Prevention of Crime and Corruption," would like to inform you as follows;

- 1. That on January 21, 2008 the enforcement officers of Municipal Commission of Chandigarh were working to remove road-side tobacco vendors.
- That one of the volunteers of "Burning Brain Society," namely Mr. H. S. Rathee was accompanying the enforcement officers of Municipal Commission of Chandigarh during the said drive.
- 3. At around 11:50 a.m. the enforcement officers of Municipal Commission reached the High Court of Punjab and Haryana to remove one of the illegal tobacco vendors sitting there.
- 4. That on seizing the goods illegally offered for sale, in violation of the M.C. laws, the tobacco vendor pleaded the staff to seize all the material but leave some small sized sachets available with him.
- 5. That Mr. H. S. Rathee, who was accompanying the enforcement officers grew suspicious and asked the road-side vendor to show what the small pouches contained. The vendor reluctantly opened one such pouch which contained a brown coloured putty type of substance.
- 6. The people present there identified it and suspected it to be as a narcotic and/or psychotropic substance.
- 7. That the Municipal Corporation seized all the material including the said substance under their routine drive.

- That Mr. H. S. Rathee informed the undersigned about the turn of events and thereafter the undersigned also had a look at the seized substance. The seized substance looked like some prohibited drug/ narcotic and/or psychotropic substance.
- 9. That earlier casual report from the volunteers of the organisation had often mentioned that the road side tea and tobacco vendors often also engage in drug peddling. This earlier information reinforces the possibility of the seized material being a drug.
- 10.That the undersigned immediately tried to contact the Sector 3 police station, the office of the SSP and the Home Secretary. On being unable to contact through telephone, the undersigned informed the enforcement agencies by flashing a message through SMS to the SSP, Home Secretary and the ASP, Chandigarh Administration and Police at around 2: 20 (Between 2:00 P.M and 3:00 P.M.) on January 21, 2008.
- 11.That on January 22, 2008 the undersigned again followed up the matter with the SSP and the ASP Chandigarh Police, who informed that the matter requires expert opinion.

The undersigned seeks urgent intervention so as to take immediate action so as to ascertain the type of the suspected narcotic/psychotropic substance and to take the required action in this regard.

Thanking you, Yours truly,

Hemant Goswami

c/o Burning Brain Society, #3, Shivalikview Business Arcade, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh – 160 017 Telephone: +91-172-5165555, +91-9417868044

True Copy

Annexure P-3

VISITOR PASS CHANDIGARH POLICE HEAD QUARTER

SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

Visitor Slip No.:	1427	Date: 23/01/2008	
		Time in: 16:25:07	
		Category: GENERAL PUE	BLIC
Name	HEMANT GOSWAMI		
Father's Name	B. M. GOSWAMI		
Address #107			Sd/-

SEC. 46, CHANDIGARH Full signature of pass holder

To Meet	SSP, CHANDIGARH			
Purpose of Visit	OFFICIAL			
No. of Person	2	Signature of visited officer/official		

Instructions:-

1. Carry this pass with you at all times while you are in PHQ building.

2. Show this pass whenever required by the staff.

3. Return this pass at Security gate / Visitor window before leaving the premises.

4. Visitor slip is valid for one hour only from

True Copy

Annexure P-4

CHANDIGARH POLICE

PUBLIC WINDOW SYSTEM

RECEPIENT SLIP

REF. No.: GD93

DATE: 23/01/2008 TIME: 16:29:27 RECEPIENT NAME: HEMANT GOSWAMI ADDRESS: C/O BURNING BRAIN SOCIETY, SEC-17E, CHD

NATURE: INFORMATION

CHANDIGARH POLICE PHONE:2742096, 2741900 EXT. 2295

FAX: 2742096

TIME: 16:32:48 DATE : 23/01/2008

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