

132 STPs yet to be utilised to full capacity

State fails to manage solid waste | NGT orders compensation of ₹2,180 crore

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The Local Government Department is yet to fully utilise the capacity of the existing 132 sewage treatment plants (STP) in the state.

Of the total 2,128 million litres per day (MLD) of sewage generated in 166 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across the state, only 1,786 MLD of sewage is being treated at 132 STPs. The remaining sewage is being discharged into nearby drains and other water bodies.

This leaves a gap of 570 MLD, as per the status report on the compliance of municipal solid waste management rules filed by the state government before the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

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The sewage treatment plant at Balloke in Ludhiana. FILE

TIME-BOUND ACTION PLAN

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ipal Building Bylaws, 2018, make it mandatory to use treated water, the lack of

infrastructure to supply it to end-users has been hampering the cause.

BUDDHA NULLAH PROJECT

- **Sewage Management:** Deadline for the construction/repair of STPs in Jamalpur, Balloke, Bhattian to end by June 2023 (domestic)
- **Dairy waste management:** Processing of 180 tonnes/day (TPD) of cow dung against installed capacity of 235 TPD at compressed biogas plant in Halibowal dairy complex
- **CBG plant of 300 TPD capacity** at Tajpur dairy complex, Ludhiana, to be completed by November 2024
- **Industrial waste management:** Three common effluent treatment plants of 105 MLA capacity made operational

The NGT has directed the Punjab Government to pay compensation of Rs 2,180

crore for the failure to scientifically manage solid waste and to prevent the discharge of untreated sewage so that past environmental damage can be restored.

To boost up sewage treatment, 111 more STPs with the capacity of 784.95 MLD are at different stages of construction or planning. Of these, 23 STPs are to be completed by March 31, 2023; 64 STPs are to be constructed by December 31, 2023; and land acquisition is under progress for the remaining 24 STPs.

On the front of using the treated waste water, only 20 per cent of the treated water at the STPs is being reused for irrigation purposes. Of the existing 132 STPs, 305 MLD of treated water of 57 STPs is being used for irrigation pur-

pose. Another, 90 kilolitres per day of the treated water is being used for other purposes.

Sources said the Local Government has a time-bound action plan to ensure “reuse of treated waste water” for gardening, road washing, construction and industrial purposes. The State Treated Waste Water Policy has been notified, listing the guidelines for waste water collection, treatment and reuse.

A time frame — varying from six month to a year — has been fixed for the ULBs to put in place the infrastructure to supply the treated water to end-users. These bodies had also been asked to implement water metering policy in a year and undertake feasibility studies for the supply of treated water to end-users.s

MHA awards Special Op Medal to AGTF

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 31

Recognising the outstanding services of the Punjab Police, the Ministry of Home Affairs, has awarded a 16-member Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) team with the “Union Home Minister’s Special Operation Medal” for 2022.

ADGP Pramod Ban, DIG Gurpreet Bhullar and AIG Gurmeet Chauhan were among the 16 officers to be honoured with the award on Sardar Patel’s birth anniversary. Other awardees include AIG Sandeep Goel, DSP Bikramjit Singh Brar, SI Sukhpreet Singh, SI Sumit Goyal, SI Nitin Kumar, SI Shaganjeet Singh, SI Kulwinder Singh, SO Rahul Kumar Chechi, SI Moninder Singh, SI Rahul Sharma, SI Gurpreet

Singh, SI Avtar Singh and ASI Sukhjinder Singh.

ADGP Ban, who heads the AGTF and Assistant Inspector General (AIG) Gurmeet Chauhan played a key role in busting the gangsters network behind the murder of singer Sidhu Moosewala.

These special operations by the AGTF led to the neutralisation of two dreaded gangsters and the timely arrest of 12 gangsters, besides the recovery of 24 weapons, 1.5-kg heroin and Rs 79.27 lakh drug money, 11 vehicles and a police uniform from their possession.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said, “This recognition will boost the morale of the Punjab Police and encourage them to work with more dedication.” — TNS



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ONLINE E- AUCTION SALE OF ASSETS
In exercise of the powers under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) & of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (RULES) and pursuant to the possession of the secured asset of the borrower/guarantors/mortgagors mentioned hereunder vested with the Authorised Officer under the said SARFAESI Act and RULES for recovery of the secured debts, the Authorised Officer has decided to sell the secured assets by e-auction sale.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower and guarantors in particular, that the under mentioned property mortgaged to Phoenix ARC Private Limited acting in capacity as Trustee of Phoenix Trust-FY 11-6 (Phoenix) (pursuant to assignment of debts by Allahabad Bank and Indian Overseas Bank in favour of Phoenix vide Assignment Agreement dated 05.04.2011) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE BASIS" condition, by way of "online e-auction" for recovery of dues and further interest, charges and costs etc. as detailed below in terms of the provisions of SARFAESI Act read with Rules 6, 7, 8 & 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) through website <https://www.bankauctions.com> as per the details given below:
Name of the Borrower/-Aerens Entertainment Zone Private Limited (In Liq.)
Represented through Official Liquidator, Attached to the Hon'ble High Court at Delhi, 5th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi - 110 003. Registered Office at: Flat No. 507, 5th Floor, Skipper Corner, 58, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110 019
Name of the Guarantor:- Mr. Rajesh J Aeren
Amount due as on 17.08.2011:- Rs. 56,96,31,779/- (Rupees Fifty Six Crores Ninety Six Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine Only) with simple interest @ 14.50% p.a. alongwith further interest, penal interest and other cost, charges and expenses from 18.08.2011
Date of Physical Possession taken :- 03.01.2019
Date of Inspection:- Will be scheduled on Request
Earnest Money Deposit:- Rs. 3,50,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Lakhs Only)
The Earnest Money to be deposited by way of RTGS Favouring "PHOENIX TRUST FY11-6". Current Account: 06512010000996, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, Branch: Kalina Mumbai, IFSC Code: KKBK0000631
Date of submission of Bid (E- Auction):- 21.11.2022 (Monday) before 6:00 PM
Reserve Price:- Rs. 35,00,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Crore Only)
Bid Increment:- Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only) & in such multiples
Date of E-Auction:- 22.11.2022 (Tuesday) between 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Mode of Auction:- Online E-Auction
Description of the Secured Asset being auctioned:- Property belonging to Aerens Entertainment Zone Private Limited (In Liq): Land and Building on Land measuring 54903 sq. yards at village Kadian and Fagwala NH-1, GT Road, Ludhiana Survey No./Khasra No. 6/17-18, 6/22, 6/23 Khatla no. 39/41, 13/14, Jamnabadi 2002-03 of village Fagwala AND Khasra No. 29/18-19, 20-30/16-17, 26-18, 29/11, 29/12/30/13-14 Khasra no. 106/126, 105/125 of Jamnabadi 1999 of Village Kadian alongwith all buildings, structures etc AND All the work in process, receivables, movable assets, book debt of the said property/project/Mail as hypothecated/charged". The above property is popularly known as "Festival City Ludhiana"
Link for Tender documents:- <https://phoenixarc.co.in?p=1275&prev=true>
Pending litigations known to Phoenix-DRT, Delhi: RP No. 319/2014 in O.A No. 249/2011. DRAT, Delhi:-1. Regular Appeal No. 394/2014, 2. Regular Appeal no. 34/2016. 3. Misc. Application No. 31/2015
Delhi High Court:-1. CS (OS) No. 1214/2011. 2. CS (OS) No. 2119/2011
3. CS (OS) No. 2120/2011, 4. CS (OS) No. 2612/2013, 5. CS (OS) No. 2611/2013
6. CS (OS) No. 2610/2013, 7. C.P. No. 482 of 2009
Saket District Court: CS (OS) No. 212/2011 and 2. CS (OS) No. 231/2011
Kindly note no stay or restraining order has been granted/judged any of the above mentioned matters by court/judicial forum against SARFAESI actions undertaken by phoenix.
Terms & Conditions:
1. The Auction Sale is being conducted by the Authorised Officer under the provisions of SARFAESI Act with the aid and through e-auction. Auction/Bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Mode" through the website <https://www.bankauctions.com> M/s. C1 India Private Limited is the service provider to arrange platform for e-auction.
2. The Auction is conducted as per the Terms and Conditions of the Bid Document and as per the procedure set out therein. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale the bidders may go through the website of Phoenix, www.phoenixarc.co.in and the link mentioned herein above as well as the website of the service provider, www.bankauctions.com for bid documents, the details of the secured assets put up for auction/ obtaining the bid form.
3. The bidders may participate in the e-auction quoting/ bidding from their own offices/ place of their choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be arranged by each bidder himself/self. The Authorised Officer/ Phoenix' service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure etc.
4. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact Mr. Hareesh Gowda of M/s. C1 India Private Limited, Contact Number: 91-124-4302020/2021/2022/2023/2024, 91-959497555/ 07291981124/2526, Email ID: support@bankauctions.com
5. Bidders may also go through the website of Phoenix, www.phoenixarc.co.in for verifying the details of the secured asset put up for auction/ obtaining the bid form.
6. The e-auction will be conducted on the date and time mentioned herein above, when the secured asset mentioned above will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" condition.
7. All the intending purchasers/ bidders are required to register their name in the portal mentioned above as <https://www.bankauctions.com> and get user ID and password free of cost to participate in the e-auction on the date and time as mentioned aforesaid.
8. For participating in the e-auction, intending purchasers/ bidders will have to submit the details of payment of refundable Earnest Money Deposit of 10% of the Reserve Price of the Secured asset along with copies of the PANCARD, Board Resolutions in case of Company and Address Proof on or before the Last date for submission of EMD mentioned above.
9. The successful purchaser/ bidder shall deposit the 25% (inclusive of EMD) of his/ its offer by way of RTGS/NEFT to the account mentioned hereinabove on the date of auction mentioned above or not later than next working day before the closure of banking hours, which deposit shall have to be confirmed by Phoenix, failing which the sale will be deemed to have been failed and the EMD of the said successful purchaser/ bidder shall be forfeited.
10. The EMD of all other bidders who did not succeed in the e-auction will be refunded by Phoenix within 72 hours of working days from the closure of e-auction. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
11. The balance amount of purchase consideration shall be payable by the successful purchaser/ bidder on or before the fifteenth (15) day of completion of sale of the said secured asset or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing. In case of default, all amounts deposited till then shall be liable to be forfeited.
12. For inspection of the property or more information, the prospective bidders may contact Mr. Mahesh Malunjar/Mr. Ajit Kewin, at above mentioned address or maahesh.m@phoenixarc.co.in or ajit.kewin@phoenixarc.co.in (email) or on 09920381684/07506994818 (mobile).
13. At any stage of the auction, the Authorised Officer may accept/reject/modify/ cancel the bid/offer or post-pone the auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice.
14. The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed/delivered in his/her/favour as per the applicable law.
15. The payment of all statutory/non statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessments, charges, society dues, fees etc. owing to the property during any time, shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder only.
16. The successful purchaser/bidder shall be solely responsible for any cost / expenses / fees / charges etc. payable to the society/any other authority towards the transfer of the rights in its / his / her favour.
17. The Borrower/ Guarantors, who are liable for the said outstanding dues, shall treat this Sale Notice as a notice under Rule 8 Clause (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 of the above-mentioned auction sale.
18. The intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding encumbrances, title of secured asset put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the secured assets, including statutory dues, etc. prior to submitting the bid. The auction advertisement does not constitute and will not constitute any commitment or any representation of Phoenix. The authorized officer of Phoenix shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/rights/dues.
19. In the event, the auction scheduled hereinabove fails for any reason whatsoever, Phoenix has the right to sell the secured asset by any other methods under the provisions of Rule 8(5) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and SARFAESI Act, 2002.
20. Apart from the dues of the Secured Creditor as mentioned above, the secured asset is also mortgaged as security for the dues of ICICI Bank Limited now assigned to Energee Realty Ventures Private Limited. However, it shall be the sole responsibility of the intending bidders to inspect, verify and satisfy the details about the secured asset encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the secured asset, including the statutory dues and specifications before submitting the bid.

13-year-old dies in mishap

Abohar: A 13-year-old boy died on Monday when a speeding tractor reportedly hit his bicycle in Chanankhera village near Abohar. The police said action would be taken after getting a post-mortem done at the civil hospital. oc

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
SCD No. 33-34/35, 2nd Floor, Sector-17 A, Chandigarh
(Area of jurisdiction Himachal Pradesh & Punjab Distt. from (A to J)
Notice of demand from Certificate Debtor/Defaulter:
(See Secs. 25 to 29 of the ROBSFI Act, 1993 r/w Rule 2 of Second Schedule of Income Tax Act, 1961)
(PUBLICATION NOTICE)
RC No. 2016/2019
BOI VS. M/S GEE KAY APPARELS
(CD-1) M/S GEE KAY APPARELS 14 leather complex, Jalandhar through its sole proprietor Ranbir Singh S/O SH. Amrik Singh, R/O 122, Adarsh Nagar Jalandhar.
(CD-2) Ranbir Singh S/O SH. Amrik Singh, R/O 122, Adarsh Nagar Jalandhar.
Where as a Recovery Certificate bearing OA No. 570/2019 Dated 13.12.2018 had been forwarded under sub section (7) of Sec. 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 by the Presiding Officer, the Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Chandigarh for the recovery of sum of Rs. 1,02,02,104.77/- (Rs. One Crore Two Lakh Two Thousand One Hundred Four and Seventy Seven Paise) with interest as per @ 13.40% with half yearly rests in respect of cash credit limit under Micro Entrepreneur Loan Scheme from the date of filing of the OA. i.e. 13.12.2018 till realization with costs given in the certificate and the said sum has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited). You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of this notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the provision of law.
Proceedings in this matter are further listed for **01.12.2022**.
Given under my hand and seal at Chandigarh on **12.10.2022**.
(Uday Bhardwaj)
Recovery Officer
DRT-1, Chandigarh

E-Auction for Sale of Assets of Woolways (India) Limited (in Liquidation) (Revised)
(Regd. Off:- A-2, Basement Front Side, East of Kailash, New Delhi 110065)
The Liquidator had published an E-Auction Notice for Sale of Assets of Woolways (India) Ltd. (in liquidation) as per Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and Regulations framed there under on 28.10.2022 in The Tribune (English) and Punjabi Tribune for E-auction to be held on 27.11.2022. The date for e-auction is revised from 27.11.2022 to 30.11.2022, hence this revised Notice:

Event	Timelines Published	Revised Timelines
Date and Time of E-Auction	27.11.2022 between 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM	30.11.2022 between 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM
Submission of Bid Forms, Declaration forms and KYC declaration	From 10.00 AM of 28.10.2022 to on or before 4:30 PM on 11.11.2022	From 10.00 AM of 28.10.2022 to on or before 4:30 PM on 11.11.2022
Last Date for submission of Bid Document & EMD by Qualified Bidder	25.11.2022 between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM	29.11.2022 between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM
Inspection Date & Time	From 16.11.2022 to 22.11.2022 between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM	From 16.11.2022 to 22.11.2022 between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM

Assets	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
Lot-1*: Inventory (Ready-made garments and accessories): Garments and accessories (old and unstitched garments, socks, belts, shoes, etc.) lying at Plot No. 217, Industrial Area-A, Ludhiana, Punjab. The intending bidder can bid for one or more Sub-Lots out of 1-36 Sub-Lots (containing 500 pieces in each Sub-Lot). Sub-lot numbers are identified at the location.	Rs. 8,60,935 (for all Sub-Lots)	Rs. 86,094 (for all Sub-Lots)
Lot-2*: Office Equipment/ Movable Assets [Printer (3 nos.), Desktop (9 Nos.), Printer cum Scanner (1 No.), Scanner (1 No.), Feeder Machine (2 Nos.), Servo Panel (1 No.)] lying at Plot No. 217, Industrial Area A, Ludhiana Punjab	Rs. 1,22,746 (for all Sub-Lots)	Rs. 12,275 (for all Sub-Lots)
Lot-3: Immovable Asset (Freehold Land): Agriculture land situated at Village Machhiwara, Hadbast No. 75, Tehsil Machhiwara, District Ludhiana, Punjab. Khevat No. 982/836, Khatuani No. 1080, Khasra No. 178/82/2 (7-10), 178/13 (7-10). Area: about 4 Kanals. It is a vacant Plot.	Rs. 26,36,793	Rs. 2,63,679

*Security interest of Banks/Financial Creditors of Woolways (India) Limited (in liquidation) (Corporate Debtor/CD) over its assets was relinquished in favour of the liquidation estate of the CD.
Terms and Condition of the E-Auction are as under:
1.E-Auction will be conducted on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS THERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" through service provider, M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited-Auction Tiger (Auctioneer).
2.Duties and Taxes, as may be outstanding and as may be applicable on each Lot, will be extra.
3.This E-auction Sale Notice is for information and should be read in conjunction with the E-Auction Process And Asset Information Document (Revised), which also contains E-auction Bid Form and Terms and Conditions of E-Auction and Sale, Forms of Declaration/s and Undertakings, and General Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction Sale, which are available on the websites of the CD www.woolways.com, and Auctioneer "ndt@auctiontiger.net".
4.The Liquidator reserves right to withdraw from E-Auction any of the aforementioned Lot/s or a Sub-Lot at any time prior to Close of Day for submission of Bid Documents, and any Intending Bidder(s) shall have no rights or claims against the Lot/s or Sub-Lots in the event of aforementioned withdrawal.
5.The Intending Bidder is expected to read all documents carefully and carry out due diligence at his cost before submitting the Bid Form, and the Intending Bidder will be permitted to participate in the E-Auction of a Lot /Sub-Lot/after he has deposited the requisite amount of EMD.
BY:
Sajeev Bhushan Deora, Liquidator: Woolways (India) Limited (in Liquidation);
IBBI Regn. No.: IBBI/IPA-001/P-P00317/2017-2018/10561;
AFA valid up to 18/09/2023
Address: 606 New Delhi House, 27 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi 110001;
Email ID: in.woolways.sbd@gmail.com; sajeev.deora@deora.com
Date: 31.10.2022 (1st issued on 28.10.2022); Contact No.: +91 98119 03450
Place: New Delhi

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 31
A firm stance taken by SAD leader Bibi Jagir Kaur to contest the forthcoming SGPC chief poll independently has made the party's top leaders jittery.
While Jagir Kaur has had to lobby hard for garnering support for herself, even top SAD leaders, including party chief Sukhbir Badal and his brother-in-law Bikram Singh Majithia, have had to hold meetings with SGPC members to ensure that they stick to the SAD stand.
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₹5L crore investment, employment generation subsidy on the cards

New industrial policy to be taken up at Cabinet meeting this week

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 31
The Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) government is all set to approve 'The Punjab Industrial and Business Development Policy-2022' by bringing it for discussion in the Cabinet meeting scheduled this week. The previous industrial policy of 2017 ended on October 17.

It's for the first time that the policy would focus on providing employment generation subsidy to units that employ people having Punjab domicile.

Those employing Punjabis would be given Rs 36,000 annually per employee for five years and Rs 48,000 per employee on annual basis for five years in case the employee is a woman or belongs to the reserved categories.

Official sources in the government told *The Tribune* that the policy, with a primary focus on promoting manufacturing and services sector and creating an atmosphere for start-ups and incubators, would focus on development of sustainable business models that can withstand competition globally.

The policy would aim to



MAJOR PUSH

- Govt to focus on facilitating 1000 start-ups in five years
- To set up 10 incubation & 50 entrepreneurship centres
- Fifteen industrial parks to come up across the state
- Land pooling scheme for acquisition of land

attract an investment of Rs 5 lakh crore in five years, increase the share of secondary sector in GSDP to 30 per cent and tertiary sector to 62 per cent, enable job creation, develop worldclass infrastructure, facilitate the development of at least 15 industrial parks and attract at least one anchor unit in manufacturing and services sector.

Since the government wants to focus on building entrepreneurship and encourage start-ups, there would be subsidy on fixed capital investments, operational subsidy assistance of

up to Rs 3 lakh for five years, mentoring assistance support for start-ups, lease rental subsidy, interest subsidy of eight per cent on loans taken from banks and a creation of Rs 150 crore venture capital fund.

For Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) and large scale industries, the government would reimburse state goods and services tax for seven years, give a 50 per cent on fixed capital investment, exemption from electricity duty and stamp duty, subsidy on applying for patents and subsidy for getting access to technology.

Jagir Kaur's stand makes SAD jittery

Both sides hold meetings with SGPC members daily

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Bibi Jagir Kaur

Majithia has been daily galvanising support for the party and sharing pictures of his meetings with the Majha area members of the committee.

Maintaining her resolve to contest the poll even after meeting Sukhbir's envoys —

Daljit Singh Cheema and Surjit Singh Rakhra — Jagir Kaur even today continued holding meetings with SGPC members from Doaba. Of the nearly 30-35 SGPC members of Doaba, she is expecting that nearly half could be on her side. She is banking on several rebel Akali leaders who had either joined Congress or BJP or moved to smaller Akali factions to come to her aide.

MLA Sukhpal Khaira has slammed her for taking 25 years to speak up against Akali Dal over its 'lifafa culture'.

MP Sanjay Singh concludes evidence

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 31
Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh today appeared in a local court and concluded his evidence in a defamation case filed by former Revenue Minister Bikram Singh Majithia against him.

DEFAMATION CASE

In all, he has examined three witnesses in the case from his side to prove his innocence.

Thereafter, the Court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Harsimranjit Singh adjourned the case for hearing final arguments on November 5.

Mass copying alleged in recruitment exam

PATIALA, OCTOBER 31

Mass copying has been alleged in recruitment of 418 veterinary officers in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development. The examination was conducted by the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC).

SS Sharma, a complainant, has written to Chief Minister's office, PPSC Secretary, and Vigilance Bureau Director and sought a detailed probe in the matter.

The Tribune has a copy of the letter; however, the phone number mentioned on it could not be reached.

ONLY TWO CENTRES

“We are yet to look into the complaint. Out of 705 aspirants, 477 have been shortlisted. There were only two centres. We became aware of the matter after the issue surfaced online. Simerpreet Kaur, Secretary, PPSC

The complainant claimed that 80 candidates from roll number 52848 to 52951 cleared the exam. The letter reads, “These candidates were seated in four rooms and allowed to copy. Those responsible should be brought to book.”

The complainant demanded that the interview process should be put on halt.

As per PPSC record, 705 candidates appeared for the exam and 477 of them were provisionally shortlisted. The exam was conducted in 41 rooms at two centres — Government Co-Ed Multipurpose Senior Secondary Smart School, Punjab Bagh, Patiala, and Government Co-Ed Multipurpose Senior Secondary Smart School, Passi Road. A total of 24 candidates were seated in each room.

At present, scrutiny of documents of shortlisted candidates is underway. — TNS