

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

DATE OF DECISION: MAY 26, 2015

Ashu Arms, Arms and Ammunition Dealers, Ludhiana

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgement?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Present: Mr. Jatinder Nagpal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI, J. (ORAL)

It is the contention of counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is a dealer of arms and ammunition. On expiry of Arms Dealership Licence issued to petitioner-firm, an application was moved for renewal of the said licence. A communication dated 28.10.2011 (Annexure P-3) was received by the petitioner from the office of Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, and in response thereto, reply was submitted on 22.11.2011 (Annexure P-4). On the basis of reply filed by the petitioner, the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana, sought clarification from the Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa, regarding FIR No.64, dated 15.04.2011, registered at Police Station City Mansa, under various Sections of Indian Penal Code. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa, vide communication dated 16.02.2012 (Annexure P-5) informed the Deputy

Commissioner, Ludhiana, that during investigation, it was found that the petitioner was not involved in the same. The matter was thereafter forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice (Home II Branch), Punjab, Chandigarh-respondent No.2 in the year 2013. Since then the matter is pending consideration and till date no decision thereon has been taken. The petitioner has submitted a representation dated 10.03.2015 (Annexure P-6) to respondent No.2 but the same has not solicited any response till date.

Counsel contends that the petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice (Home II Branch), Punjab, Chandigarh-respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 10.03.2015 (Annexure P-6) filed by the petitioner, within some specified time.

In view of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioner and without going into the merit of the case or commenting thereon, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions to the Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice (Home II Branch), Punjab, Chandigarh-respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 10.03.2015 (Annexure P-6) by passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioner forthwith.

May 26, 2015
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE