

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.16161 of 2015

Date of Decision: August 07 of 2015

Karamjit Singh son of Jarnail Singh resident of Village Kanganwal, P.O.
Jugiana, Tehsil and Distt. Ludhiana

...Petitioner

Versus

Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. R.S. Bal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

It is the contention of the counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner was allotted licence bearing No.004 on 31.03.1999 to carry on the business of a dealer in seeds, which included production and dealing in the same. The said licence was renewed from time to time. The last renewal was dated 28.03.2011 till 09.03.2014. The said renewed licence dated 28.03.2011 is appended as Annexure P-1. Petitioner, on expiry of the licence, submitted an application dated 24.03.2014 (Annexure P-2) to the Joint Director, Agriculture, Punjab-respondent No.3, who is the competent authority for renewal of the licence along with the requisite fee. The said application, till date, has not been decided despite reminders dated 30.10.2014, 23.01.2015 and 15.07.2015 (Annexures P-3 to P-5 respectively) having been served. Counsel states that because of the inaction on the part of the said respondent, the petitioner is suffering losses.

He states that the petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied if a

direction is issued to respondent No.3, to consider and decide the application of the petitioner dated 24.03.2014 (Annexure P-2) within some specified time.

In view of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioner, without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions to Joint Director Agriculture-respondent No.3, to consider and decide the application of the petitioner dated 24.03.2014 (Annexure P-2), within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case the claim of the petitioner is not to be accepted, a well reasoned and speaking order be passed and conveyed to him forthwith.

August 07, 2015
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE