

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.8612 of 2015

Date of Decision: May 04, 2015

Ranjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Saravpreet Gurna, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner, who asserts himself to be the son of Nayak Tara Singh son of Suchet Singh, who joined the Indian National Army in the year 1940 and rendered about 22 years of military service and retired in the year 1962 with Service No.7018632, was a freedom fighter and in support thereof he has placed reliance upon a communication dated 27.05.2014 (Annexure P-1) received under the Right to Information Act from NE and Pension Group (NE-1 Section). Counsel contends that the petitioner received information from the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur dated 22.07.2014 (Annexure P-2), which further fortifies that the father of the petitioner Nk. Tara Singh was a freedom fighter. He prays that for seeking declaration to the effect that he was a freedom fighter and a recognition to this effect, petitioner has served a legal notice dated 06.11.2014 (Annexure P-3) upon the respondents, which till date has not been responded to.

Counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondents 1, 2 and 3 to

consider and decide the legal notice dated 06.11.2014 (Annexure P-3), 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 Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Freedom Fighter and Rehabilitation Division, North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi; Secretary, Freedom Fighter, Department of General Administration, Political III Branch, State of Punjab, Sector-9, Mini Secretariat Chandigarh, Punjab and Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur, Punjab-respondents No.1, 2 and 3 respectively, to consider and decide the legal notice of the petitioner dated 23.03.2015 (Annexure P-27), within a period of five months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioner forthwith.

May 04, 2015

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**