

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 21945 of 2016
Date of Decision: 21.10.2016**

Inderjit Singh and another

.....Petitioners

Vs.

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present : Mr. Amit Rana, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK J. (ORAL)

Feeling aggrieved against the alleged inaction on the part of respondent authorities, the petitioners have approached this Court, by way of instant writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus.

Learned counsel for the petitioners, at the very outset, fairly states that although petitioners are seeking only a writ in the nature of Mandamus for re-constitution of the Board, as contemplated under the Copyright Act, 1957 as amended by Copyright (Amendment) Act 2012, yet they did not approach the respondent authorities by moving an appropriate representation or legal notice seeking said relief, before filing present writ petition. He further submits that given an opportunity, petitioners shall approach respondent No.3 by moving an appropriate representation within a period of four weeks from today and he may be directed to consider and decide the same, within a reasonable time.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, lest it should prejudice the rights of either of the parties, the Registrar of Copyright Office-respondent No.3 is directed that if the petitioners approach him by moving an appropriate representation within a period of four weeks from today, he shall consider and decide the same at an early date by passing an appropriate order thereon, strictly in accordance with law, but in any case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of representation from the petitioners. It is also directed that if the petitioners would make a request for any interim relief, respondent No.3 shall consider the same as well and shall pass an appropriate order thereon, in accordance with law.

With the abovesaid observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

(RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK)
JUDGE

21.10.2016
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No

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