

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 26680 of 2016
Date of Decision: 22.12.2016**

M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited through its constituted attorney and
Assistant Manager (Law) Sh. Aakashdeep

.....Petitioner

Vs.

National Highways Authority of India and another

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present : Mr. Ashish Kapoor, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK J. (ORAL)

Feeling aggrieved against the alleged inaction on the part of respondent authorities, petitioner has 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 petitioner submits that when the genuine grievance of the petitioner was not being redressed by the respondent authorities, it finally approached respondent No.2 by way of legal notice contained in Annexure P-8, but the same is also pending decision. He further submits that the petitioner will be satisfied in case the Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-competent authority, L.A.C. National Highways Authority of India, Rajpura, District Patiala-respondent No.2 is directed to consider and decide its legal notice, within a reasonable time.

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Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, lest it should prejudice the rights of either of the parties, present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-competent authority, L.A.C. National Highways Authority of India, Rajpura, District Patiala-respondent No.2 to look into the matter, consider the grievance of the petitioner, raised vide its legal notice (Annexure P-8) 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 one month from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

It is further directed that if, after due consideration of the matter, respondent No.2 comes to the conclusion that the petitioner is entitled for the amount being sought to be released, the same shall be released in favour of the petitioner, without any further loss of time.

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

(RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK)
JUDGE

22.12.2016
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No