

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

CWP No.9071 of 2016

Date of decision: 10.5.2016

Rajveer Minhas

... Petitioner

Versus

Chief Commissioner of Income Tax,
Chandigarh & ors.

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. SK Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

1. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
2. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner was called to appear personally for interview on October 16, 2014 by the office of the Commissioner of Income Tax (Audit)-cum-Chairman Screening Committee for compassionate appointments. The petitioner asserts that he appeared and was interviewed on October 16, 2014 in the office of the Chairman Screening Committee at Chandigarh. The petitioner laments that he has not heard from the Committee of any consideration on the request and the interview that followed.

2. The petitioner has served a legal notice on March 18, 2016, which has been received and sent to quarters concerned vide letter dated March 30, 2016 as is conveyed to the counsel for the petitioner at Mohali.

3. When the petitioner has been interviewed and his legal notice has been received complaining that no action has been taken or conveyed as to the result of the interview, this Court expects that a final

decision should have been taken within reasonable time and conveyed to the petitioner. It cannot be said that period between personal hearing and legal notice and till today is reasonable time to take a decision on compassionate appointment. The petitioner has a right to know of the status of his case. In the circumstances, the respondents are directed to look into the complaint of the petitioner and to convey the decision taken on the legal notice following personal hearing afforded at the end of 2014. Accordingly, the final decision be conveyed within one month to the petitioner from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. If the petitioner has a case on merits for appointment then the same be granted to him within the next one month after completion of any remaining formalities within the same time frame. In case the petitioner asks for personal hearing and the decision has not been taken so far, the same shall be granted and a speaking order passed

4. With these directions, the petition stands disposed of.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

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