

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

**C.W.P No. 6826 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 27.03.2018**

Harmandeep Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS),
SAS Nagar Mohali & Ors.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAKESH KUMAR JAIN

Present: Mr. B.S. Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

RAKESH KUMAR JAIN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has prayed for the issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing the award passed by the Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS), SAS Nagar, Mohali, dated 21.08.2017 by which application filed by the petitioner under Section 22-C of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (for short, 'the Act') has been dismissed.

In short, the petitioner had purchased an old Light Motor Vehicle Car (Bolero SLX) make Mahindra bearing registration No. PB-04-P-9091 from Jaspal Singh Gill S/o Gurdev Singh, which was transferred in his name in the month of November 2014. The said vehicle was allegedly stolen on the night of 12/13.12.2014. FIR No. 254 dated 13.12.2014 was registered against the unknown persons but the police submitted an untraced report on 14.04.2015. It is alleged that the petitioner had given the information of theft of the vehicle to the Insurance Company on 15.12.2014. The Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS) has declined to interfere in this petition

on ground that the petitioner has not complied with the provisions of Section 157(2) of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, as per which the petitioner had to inform the insurance company about the transfer of vehicle in his name within 14 days of the date of transfer.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has not denied that no information in writing was given to the insurance company but it is submitted that the petitioner had visited the insurance company personally after the transfer of the vehicle for which there is no evidence.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and after taking into consideration the aforesaid facts and circumstances muchless, the provisions of Section 157(2) of the Act, am of the considered opinion that there is no error in the order passed by Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS), SAS Nagar, Mohali, dated 21.08.2017. Consequently, the petition is found without any merit and the same is hereby dismissed.

No costs.

March 27, 2018
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(RAKESH KUMAR JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No