

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Letters Patent Appeal No.1 of 2016(O&M).
Date of Decision: August 30, 2018

Amardeep Chaudhary

.....Appellant

versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA.**

Present: Mr.Aalok Jagga, Advocate, for the appellant.
Ms.Shubhra Singh, Additional AG, Haryana.

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Surya Kant, J. (Oral)

This letters patent appeal is directed against the order dated 08.12.2015 passed by the learned Single Judge, dismissing the appellant's writ petition through which he wanted to retain the registration No.HR-26-AG-0001 of Mercedes Benz E-280 Car which was earlier the official vehicle of the Governor of Haryana and had been sold to the appellant in an open auction after it was declared condemned. The authorities and the learned Single Judge have viewed that the aforesaid registration series was meant for official vehicles only and it cannot be used on a private vehicle. It is pointed-out that the aforesaid No.HR-26-AG-0001 is in fact earmarked for Governor of Haryana.

We do not find any infirmity in the view taken by the learned Single Judge especially in the light of Rule-33A of the Haryana Motor Vehicles (Second Amendment) Rules, 2003. What was sold in open auction was the vehicle only and not the official registration number which can be used only for official vehicles.

Faced with this, learned counsel for the appellant submits that instead of pressing this appeal on merits, he will approach the District Administration, Panchkula for allotment of a registration number for his vehicle on concessional rate. We have no reason to doubt that due to the confusion created at the time of auction, the authorities will consider the appellant's request sympathetically for allotment of a priority registration number at concessional price within two months.

Ordered accordingly.

[SURYA KANT]
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No