

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

CWP No.2915 of 2019
Date of decision:-01.02.2019

City Service Station

.....Petitioner

versus

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.and others

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Munish Jolly, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

As per pleadings on record a petrol pump site was allotted to the petitioner by the respondent Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited at Mohali (SAS Nagar), Punjab. The allotment was made in the year 1994. The agreement entered into at the initial stage was subsequently renewed in the year 2017.

Apparently the petitioner herein had set-up a claim with the respondent-Corporation with regard to rendition of certain accounts. As per petitioner certain sum of money was due from the respondent corporation. To claim such amount of money, repeated demands were raised and ultimately even a legal notice was served followed by a reminder.

Counsel has adverted to a communication dated 21.08.2018 (Annexure P-11) issued by the Deputy General Manager, Chandigarh Retail Region of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and which reads in the following terms:-

“CRR/RET/NS

21.08.2018

*Sh. Tajinder Singh (Proprietor)
M/s City Service Station
HPCL Dealer
Sector-63 (Phase-9)
S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali
Punjab*

Subject:- Legal Notice.

Dear Sir,

This refers to your Legal Notice dated 13.06.2018 addressed to our C&MD and thereafter reminder for the same dated 30.07.2018.

Please be advised that we are working on it. Since the issue is very old, hence we will need some time to look in to our records.

We will reply to the same within 15 days from the date of this letter.

Very truly,

Sd/-

*Gagandeep Singh Sodhi
Deputy General Manager
Chandigarh Retail Region &
Duty constituted attorney”*

The short grievance raised in the petition is that till date the matter is still pending and has not been finalized.

In view of the above, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority/respondent No.3 under the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited to examine the claim of the petitioner and to take a final decision thereupon within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

It is however, made clear that such directions to take a final

decision in the matter have been issued without ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition and without opining on the merits of the claim.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

01.02.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No