

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-5122-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 26.02.2019

Arun Kumar

--Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Saurabh Kaushik, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

As per averments made in the petition, petitioner was authorized by the Reserve Bank of India for deposit of soiled notes in the Branch Office of State Bank of Patiala, Nabha Branch vide letter dated 24.5.2010 at Annexure P-1.

Counsel submits that in pursuance to the communication dated 24.5.2010 issued by the Reserve Bank of India petitioner kept depositing the soiled notes/remittance with the State Bank of Patiala. However, after merger of State Bank of Patiala into State Bank of India made effective w.e.f. 1.10.2017, the petitioner has not been permitted to deposit the spoiled/mutilated notes.

It is contended that upon information having been sought under the R.T.I Act, a reply has been received from the State Bank of India dated 29.12.2018 at Annexure P-4 and as per which the State Bank of India has referred the alleged communication issued by the Reserve Bank of India in favour of the petitioner for authenticity and verification.

Precise grievance raised in the petition is that till date no information has been furnished to the petitioner with regard to the process of verification having been completed and thereby the petitioner is unable to

deposit the soiled/mutilated notes inspite of the Reserve Bank of India having connected him with the Currency Chest of the erstwhile State Bank of Patiala, Nabha Branch.

In view of the above, instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents no.4 and 5 to examine the matter by treating the instant writ petition itself as a representation and to thereafter take a final view and convey the same to the petitioner expeditiously.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No