

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

CWP No.6548 of 2019
Date of decision:-13.03.2019

Suraj Bhalla

.....Petitioner

versus

District Magistrate, Amritsar and another

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Gaurav Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Mr. Gaurav Chopra, learned counsel for the petitioner at the very outset makes a statement that no relief is sought qua respondent No.2 i.e.Amritsar Improvement Trust, Amritsar, at this stage.

In the light of such statement made, the name of Amritsar Improvement Trust, is deleted from the array of respondents.

Placed on record at Annexure P-1 is the letter of the allotment dated 11.07.2018 issued by NAYARA Energy as regards franchisee for selling MS/HSD/Lubes in favour of the petitioner herein.

As per Rule 144 of the Petroleum Rules 2002, it is obligatory for the franchisee to obtain a No Objection Certificate from the District Authority concerned. In relation to the letter of allotment at Annexure P-1, the District Authority would be the District Magistrate, Amritsar.

The short grievance raised in the instant petition is that inspite of an application having been made by the petitioner for issuance of a No Objection Certificate under Rule 144 of the Petroleum Rules 2002 on

02.08.2018, the same has not been dealt with till date.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Hitan Nehra, Addl. A.G. Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the sole respondent.

Statement of learned State counsel is recorded to the effect that in case the application dated 02.08.2018 (Annexure P-2) seeking no objection is still pending before the District Magistrate, Amritsar, the same would be processed in accordance with law and a decision would be conveyed to the petitioner expeditiously and in any case within a period of two months from today.

In view of the statement recorded of learned State counsel, no further directions are required to be passed.

Writ petition disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

13.03.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No