

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

Civil Writ Petition No. 8561 of 2020

Date of Decision : July 13, 2020

Harpal Chand

..... PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and others

.... RESPONDENT(S)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Raj Kaushik, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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Sanjay Kumar, J.

The petitioner entered into a lease agreement with the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, whereunder he let out his two buses for the use of the Corporation. The agreement expired on 20.11.2016. His grievance, presently, is that his security deposit of ₹ 1 lakh has not been released by the Corporation.

The material placed on record reflects that the petitioner got issued legal notice dated 14.02.2020 (Annexure P-5) to the Corporation in this regard. It is his complaint that the Corporation remained unmoved and did not choose to even respond thereto.

Given the aforestated facts, this Court is of the opinion that no purpose would be served by keeping this writ petition pending for

consideration. It is for the Corporation to consider the petitioner's claim on merits and in accordance with due procedure, in the first instance. As this Court does not propose to go into the validity of the petitioner's claim, there is no necessity to put the Corporation on notice or afford it an opportunity of hearing at this stage.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the authority concerned in the respondent Corporation to consider the petitioner's legal notice dated 14.02.2020 (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action thereon in accordance with due procedure, taking the petitioner into confidence. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than 6 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

There shall be no order as to costs.

July 13, 2020
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(Sanjay Kumar)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No