

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-10807-2020

Date of decision: 29.07.2020

Prikshat Goyal

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Prikshat Goyal, stated to be aged 28 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to handover the registration covers of the vehicles of the petitioner i.e. Registration No. PBQ-0001 & PB-04-AB-0008, both in name of the petitioner after making necessary changes/corrections in both the registration covers i.e. after doing retaining of the old registration numbers.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Sudeepti Sharma, Addl. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in June 2020, the petitioner had applied for retaining of two registration numbers. He had applied for exchanging the numbers with one another vehicle i.e. the number of Innova be registered on the Scooter and registration number of Scooter be registered on Innova. He submits that he had deposited the

requisite fee for the same also. Counsel for the petitioner then refers to specific pleadings in Para-7 of the petition, to submit that on 10.06.2020, the petitioner went to the office of respondent No.4 for affixation of new number plates, new registration numbers. At that time, the concerned employee informed the petitioner that registration No.PBQ-0001, has been blacklisted. He submits that he was not informed of any reason orally or in writing for blacklisting the number. Learned counsel then submits that for the grievance made in the present writ petition, he also got served legal notice dated 20.06.2020 (Annexure P-7), but, no decision has been given on the said till date. He submits that validity of the number would expire on 27.08.2020. He apprehends that in the meantime, the respondents may allot the said number to someone else.

Without commenting upon merits of the case, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 20.06.2020 (Annexure P-7) within two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of the order. It is further directed that till the expiry of five days from the date of decision so taken on the legal notice, so conveyed to the petitioner the existing registration numbers in the name of the petitioner, be not allotted to someone else.

Considering the present situation due to COVID-19, learned State counsel and Registry is directed to send the order through e-mail to the concerned authorities for necessary compliance.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No