

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-2942-2021

Date of decision: 10.02.2021

Hari Chand

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Kamal Chaudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Safia Gupta, AAG, Haryana.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner-Hari Chand, stated to be aged 51 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 renew the driving license of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been driving the Ambulances in the office of Red Cross Haryana, Chandigarh, since 1992. The driving license, that the petitioner was possessing, was valid upto 20.10.2020. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner applied for renewal of the same. It is further submitted that the petitioner has got his medical test conducted on 14.10.2020 and filled the Form No.9 also. However, in Para 6 of the petition, it has been reproduced to submit that on 29.10.2020, the Licensing Authority, Kalka, has returned the same with the following remark:-

“License no. HE-6820080018086 dated
23.10.2008 LMV-TR valid upto 20.10.2020, issued to you,

is not being admitted by the system for renewal.

Sd/- Licensing Authority (LMV) Kalka”

Learned counsel therefore prays that it will be rather in public interest if the process of renewal of license is completed within a period of one week, so that his services can be utilised by the Civil Hospital, Sector 6, Panchkula, as a driver for the Ambulance.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Safia Gupta, AAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

In view of the peculiar facts and circumstances as noticed above, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.2 & 3-Regional Transport Authority, Panchkula and Licensing Authority, Kalka respectively, to examine the request of the petitioner and complete the process of renewal forthwith and in any case, within a period of seven days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. It is also directed that the petitioner may additionally approach the authorities with a physical copy of the same, so that in case, the system for renewal is not able to pick up the online application of the petitioner, the physical manual copy be entertained within the time period as indicated above.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

10.02.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No