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

CWP-17875-2021

Date of Decision: 21.09.2021

RANDHIR SINGH ANTAL

..... Petitioner(s)

Versus

**HARYANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY AND
OTHERS**

..... Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Balwinder Singh Sudan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Yadav, Addl. AG., Haryana.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioner filed an application under Section 22-C of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987(Annexure P-9), for settlement of the dispute in respect to rejection of his insurance claim vide letter dated 07.11.2019 (Annexure P-8). This application is still pending. Petitioner in this writ petition has additionally challenged cancellation of his health insurance policy vide communication dated 31.12.2019 (Annexure P10).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as there is no Presiding Officer at the Permanent Lok Adalat, Sonipat, matter is not being taken up, thus causing grave prejudice to the petitioner, leading to filing of this writ petition.

Learned counsel for the State, to whom an advance copy of paper book has been supplied, informs that charge of Presiding Officer at Sonipat has been given to the Chairperson, who is working at Panipat. Copy of communication dated 31.08.2021 in this regard has been circulated on the Whatsapp group created for the purpose of video conferencing. Print out of the same be taken and attached with the file.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner be permitted to pursue his pending application under Section 22 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and he also be afforded liberty to challenge the cancellation dated 31.12.2019 of his health insurance policy before the learned Permanent Lok Adalat.

In view of the above, no further order is called for. Petitioner is at liberty to agitate his pending application under Section 22-C of the Act (Annexure P9) as well as approach the learned Permanent Lok Adalat for challenging cancellation dated 31.12.2019 of his health insurance policy.

Writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

21.09.2021
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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

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