

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

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CWP-13711-2021

Date of Decision: 03.8.2022.

Nirmal Singh

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. A.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Jaishree Thakur, J. (Oral)

The petitioner herein is aggrieved against the non action of the respondents who have neither decided his legal notice dated 02.07.2021 (Annexure P4) nor are renewing the arms licence of the petitioner, after the receipt of report from the Civil Hospital, SAS Nagar.

The petitioner herein was issued an arms licence in the year 2008, which was being renewed from time to time, however when he applied for a fresh renewal in the year 2021, he was required to get a dope test conducted from the Civil Hospital, SAS Nagar. Despite having cleared the dope test on 04.02.2021, his application for renewal of the licence is not being accepted by the concerned authorities.

Learned counsel for the petitioner herein states that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied in case this very writ petition is treated as his representation and the same is decided by the competent authority in accordance with law, in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion has already been issued, however, reply has not been filed as on date. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State seeks some more time to file a reply.

However, instead of acceding to her request for filing of reply as the matter is likely to be delayed, keeping in view the request of counsel for the petitioner, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition by giving a direction to the authorities concerned to treat this very writ petition as a representation of the petitioner and take a decision thereon. Let the necessary orders be passed expeditiously, preferably within a period of two months on receipt of a certified copy of this order, in accordance with law and the decision conveyed to the petitioner. In case of failure to do so, the officer responsible for the lapse would be liable to costs of Rs.20,000/- from his personal pocket, to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Welfare Fund.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

03.08.2022

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No