

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-9766-2023

Date of decision: 08.05.2023

MANOJ

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. Ajay Kamboj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India raises a challenge to the impugned award dated 31.01.2023 (Annexure P-17) passed by the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), ADR Centre, Sirsa District Sirsa.

The dispute in the present case pertains to a distributorship purportedly given by the Sirsa District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Limited. The claim of the petitioner is that he was working as a sole distributor of Vita products at Sirsa as per the letter of appointment executed in his favour on 26.04.2000. He has been continuously carrying out the work of distributorship in the said region without any complaint. The respondents have, however, without any authority appointed the private respondent-Sandeep Kumar as an additional distributor. The said appointment has been challenged by the petitioner by means of filing an application under Section 22 (C) of the

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Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. There has been some chequered history in the present case, however, the same is not being adverted to for the purposes of examining the present controversy. The application in question was dismissed by the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), ADR Centre, Sirsa, District Sirsa for the reason that the letter of allotment of the private respondent as distributor did not fall within the definition of Public Utility Services and as such, the application in question was not maintainable before the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), ADR Centre, Sirsa, District Sirsa.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner is not able to rebut the aforesaid finding recorded by the Court that Section 22 (A) (b) which defines Public Utility Services does not comprehend the disputes relating to appointment of a distributor by a Milk Producers Union.

Faced with the above, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner seeks withdrawal of the present petition so as to pursue his remedies in accordance with law before the competent authority.

Disposed of as withdrawn with liberty as aforesaid.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

MAY 08, 2023

Vishal sharma

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