

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-2528-2018
Date of Decision: 18.10.2023

MANBEER SINGH

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. H.S. Deol, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. J.S. Lalli, Advocate
for respondent No.7.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer made in the present petition is for seeking issuance of directions to the respondents to conduct the inquiry with regard to the fraud allegedly committed by respondent No.3 with regard to illegal transfer of the vehicle in question.

It was noticed in the order dated 12.07.2023 that the inquiry, despite having been ordered on 05.07.2018, had not been concluded. The Assistant Transport Officer, Bathinda-cum-Inquiry Officer had been directed to remain present in Court and also to file an affidavit giving details as to why the inquiry has remained inconclusive despite a lapse of more than five years.

Pursuant to the said order, Shri Gagandeep, PCS, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Talwandi Sabo-cum-Secretary, Additional Transport Authority, Bathinda is present in Court. An affidavit has been filed by him, wherein he has

specifically averred that the inquiry in the matter was ordered by his Predecessor and Shri Bhupinder Singh, ATO had been directed to conduct the inquiry and submit his report. He has since been retired from the office of deponent on 30.09.2021 and that the office of ATO has remained vacant thereafter. Due to the said reason, the inquiry could not be concluded. He contends that he has recently assumed the charge of the inquiry w.e.f. 11.09.2023 and undertakes that the inquiry shall be concluded within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and the consequential action in relation to the registration of the vehicle in question, if any, shall also be taken on the basis of outcome of the inquiry by the respondents.

In view of the aforesaid statement made by the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Talwandi Sabo-cum-Secretary, Additional Transport Authority, Bathinda, learned counsel for the petitioner does not press the instant petition at this stage.

Disposed of as not pressed at this stage.

Let the compliance report be filed by respondent No.3 within a period of four weeks after conclusion of the inquiry and having taken the subsequent action.

18.10.2023.

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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No