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

CWP-24440-2023

Date of decision: 31.10.2023

M/s Metro Transport Bathinda

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Raj Kaushik, Advocate and
Mr. Piyush Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Addl. A.G. Punjab, for the respondents.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing competent authority to release the stage carriage permit granted in response to the grant letter dated 21.04.2023 (Annexure P-1) for grant of stage carriage permit on the route i.e., Raike Kalan to Bathinda via Bahadurgarh, Jandia, Chak Dana, Bambhia, Jangirana, Jhumba, Teona, Multania, Beer Talab, after completion of required legal formalities under the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. Further prayer has been made in the writ petition for issuance of directions to the competent authority to provide access code/password for deposit of Online Permit Fee, on account of which, the petitioner is unable to deposit the permit fee.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that for the grievances raised by the petitioner in the present writ petition, the petitioner had given representation dated 26.09.2023 (Annexure P-6) to respondent No.3 and he

would be satisfied at this stage, in case, the competent authority of the respondent State is directed to consider the said representation dated 26.09.2023 (Annexure P-6) in a time bound manner and in case, the pleas raised by the petitioner are found to be meritorious then to grant necessary relief in accordance with law.

3. Learned State Counsel has submitted that the competent authority of the respondent State would consider the said representation dated 26.09.2023 (Annexure P-6) in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

4. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with direction to the competent authority of the respondent State to consider representation dated 26.09.2023 (Annexure P-6) in accordance with law within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order and in case, the pleas raised by the petitioner are found to be meritorious then the competent authority would grant necessary relief, in accordance with law and in case, the competent authority is of the opinion that the pleas raised by the petitioner are not meritorious then a speaking order rejecting the same be passed within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

5. This Court has not opined on the merits of the case and the competent authority of the respondent State would consider the case of the petitioner independently, in accordance with law.

31.10.2023*Pawan***(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No****Whether reportable:- Yes/No**