

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-2516-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.02.2024

UMANG BANSAL

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

CHANDIGARH INDUSTRIAL AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION LIMITED

.... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Shivam Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

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For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is
allowed as prayed for.

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The instant petition has been instituted under Articles 226/227 of
the Constitution of India, 1950 seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of
Mandamus directing the respondent-Corporation (CITCO) for issuance of
Character Certificate of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner joined the services of the respondent-Corporation (CITCO) on contractual basis on 14.12.2014 which was renewed every year. The petitioner got various appreciation letters during his service in the respondent Corporation (CITCO) for his achievements and hard work. During his service in the respondent Corporation, the petitioner was also given various managerial (Superintendent) charges from time to time in addition to his own duties. The petitioner got relieved from the services of the respondent-Corporation (CITCO) on 31.05.2023. Thereafter, the petitioner started his legal practice and planned to set up his legal office in Chandigarh. The petitioner approached the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh for the revival of the surrendered license as the petitioner surrendered the license to practice at the time of joining the service of the respondent-Corporation. For the purpose of practice as Advocate, various documents i.e Character Certificate etc. are required by the Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana. The petitioner vide letter dated 02.09.2023 requested the Managing Director to issue the Character Certificate but no action has been taken by the respondent-Corporation. The petitioner approached the respondents for a number of times, but nothing fruitful could be fetched. Lastly, a Legal Notice dated 20.09.2023 (Annexure P-8) has been served by the petitioner upon respondent-authorities to issue Character Certificate of the petitioner but till date no action has been taken thereupon.

In view of the order which this Court proposes to pass, issuance of notice is dispensed with.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that at this juncture, he would be satisfied if respondent-Chandigarh Industrial and

Tourism Development Corporation Limited (CITCO) is directed to consider and decide the Legal Notice dated 20.09.2023 (Annexure P-8) in a time bound manner.

Accordingly, in view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of while directing respondent-Chandigarh Industrial and Tourism Development Corporation Limited (CITCO) to consider and decide the Legal Notice dated 20.09.2023 (Annexure P-8) by passing a reasoned and speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

FEBRUARY 05, 2024
Vishal sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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