

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

(117)

CWP-3212-2024

Date of decision: - 13.02.2024

Dhillon Transport Regd. Mansa**....Petitioner****Versus****Regional Transport Authority Bathinda****.....Respondent****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present:- Mr. P.S. Bawa, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Neha Sonawane, DAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent to consider and decide the request of the petitioner made vide representation dated 17.01.2023 (Annexure P-3) for grant of exemption from payment of motor vehicles tax period from 01.01.2022 to till date in respect of permit No.46/SC/76 and permit No.155/Regd./78 (Annexures P-1 and P-2) in view of the provisions contained in Punjab Motor Vehicles Act, 1923.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that for the grievances raised by the petitioner, the petitioner has given a representation dated 17.01.2023 (Annexure P-3) and at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied in case competent authority of the

respondent considers the same in accordance with law, within a specified time frame and in case the pleas raised by the petitioner are found to be meritorious, then, grant the appropriate relief to the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent has submitted that competent authority of the respondent would consider the said representation dated 17.01.2023 (Annexure P-3), filed by the petitioner, in accordance with law and the same would be done within a period of six weeks from the date of certified copy of this order.

4. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of, with a direction to competent authority of the respondent to consider the representation dated 17.01.2023 (Annexure P-3) filed by the petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order and in case competent authority of the respondent is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioner are meritorious, then, the appropriate relief be granted to the petitioner as expeditiously as possible. In case, competent authority of the respondent is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioner are meritless, then, a speaking order rejecting the claim be passed within the aforesaid period of six weeks.

5. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and competent authority of the respondent would consider and decide the matter independently, in accordance with law.

February 13, 2024
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No