

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-4410-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.02.2024

Dr. Siddharatha Kaushik
....Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab and Others
...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Vivek Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

1. The present Civil Writ Petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari quashing the letter dated 11.05.2023 written by respondent No.4 to respondent No.3 stating that the salary of the petitioner cannot be released due to non-allotment of PRAN number.
2. Learned counsel would contend that the salary of the petitioner was not released for the period 20.12.2016 to 28.02.2018 on the pretext of non-allotment of PRAN number which he submits that it is factually incorrect. Be that as it may, on account of it having not been allotted, salary could not be stopped. Reference is made to a communication dated 10.08.2023, Annexure P-14, addressed by Civil Surgeon, Sangrur to Senior Medical Officer regarding this issue and a representation having been submitted by the petitioner on 06.11.2023 that the same should be given utmost priority and since no action has been taken sofar, after fixing the responsibility of the concerned employee. Despite the aforesaid, the salary has yet not been released for extraneous consideration. A legal notice in this regard dated 10.08.2023, Annexure P-10 has been served upon

the respondents along with reminder dated 20.12.2023, Annexure P-13, which have yet not evoked any response. He thus, at this stage, on instructions, submits that the petitioner is sanguine of it being considered in a positive manner, in case, a direction is given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner by granting him an opportunity of hearing.

3. Notice of motion.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has no objection to the limited prayer made.
5. In view of the aforesaid and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondents to consider and decide the legal notice and reminder dated 10.08.2023 and 20.12.2023, Annexure P-10 and P-13 within a period of 1 month and if found entitled, necessary benefits be granted to the petitioner forthwith. However, in the eventuality of the relief being denied, a speaking order be passed, after associating him therewith.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

27.02.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

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Yes / No

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Yes / No