

2024:PHHC:127907



IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

238

CWP-18683-2022
Date of Decision: 24.09.2024

RAM CHANDER

... Petitioner

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

... Respondents

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

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Anil Chawla, Sr. Panel Counsel
for the respondents.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the legal fee and expenses of litigation payable to the petitioner for defending/prosecuting the litigation for and on behalf of the respondents.

The matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, wherefrom an order dated 24.08.2023 passed by the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court has been received which is extracted as under:

“As per the statement made by Sh. Anil Chawla, Advocate on the basis of facts provided by Capt. Ashima Dass, the petitioner had submitted 504 fee bills, out of which 475 bills have already been cleared and 29 fee bills pertains to Legal Cell, Armed Forces Tribunal (Circuit Bench) Shimla and as such, these 29 bills have been returned back to the petitioner for submission to the Appropriate Office. It has been further informed that as on 24th August, 2023, no fee bill of petitioner is pending to be processed with them.

2024:PHHC:127907



CWP-18683-2022

-2-

In view of the above, the mediation proceedings have succeeded and the matter is sent back to the Hon'ble Court for appropriate orders."

The matter was thereafter taken up on 21.11.2023 and since there was no representation on behalf of the petitioner on that date, the matter was adjourned to 07.05.2024, on which date, there was no response so far as the abovementioned order of Mediation and Conciliation Centre is concerned. The case was accordingly adjourned for today i.e. 24.09.2024. Even today, there no representation on behalf of the petitioner.

It is evident that as per the statement, the petitioner had submitted 504 fee bills, out of which 475 bills have already been cleared and 29 fee bills have been returned in original to be presented before an appropriate office and that as on 24.08.2023, no fee bill of the petitioner was pending.

The abovesaid statement being not controverted, it seems that the grievance of the petitioner stands redressed. The present writ petition is hereby disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

Liberty is, however, granted to the petitioner to seek revival of the present petition in case the aforesaid statement is found to be factually incorrect/false or any grievance(s) of the petitioner still subsists.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
rajender

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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