



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

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CWP-11977-2025

Date of decision: 07.07.2025

Sikander Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA**

Present: Mr. Harinder Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Pandher, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

LISA GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. Grievance raised by petitioner is that no opportunity of hearing as such was afforded by the Director Mining and Geology, Punjab before passing order dated 07.01.2025. It is submitted that a specific request had been made before the officer concerned for an adjournment on account of illness of one of the family members of the petitioner, who was admitted in hospital on the said date. Learned counsel for petitioner had appeared before the officer concerned through the medium of video conferencing. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that one opportunity may be afforded to the petitioner to present his case and that he would seek no further adjournment and would present his entire case on the date as may be fixed by the authority.

2. Learned counsel for State, at this stage, on instructions from Mr. Deepak Chhabra, Mining Inspector-cum-J.E. Drainage S/D Mukerian,



Hoshiarpur submits that in case, petitioner appears before the Director Mining and Geology, Punjab, Chandigarh on 18.07.2025 at 3 PM, he would be heard and the matter decided in accordance with law within a period of one week thereafter.

3. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances and fair stand taken by learned counsel for State, order dated 07.01.2025 is set aside.

4. Petitioner shall appear before the Director Mining and Geology, Punjab, Chandigarh on 18.07.2025 at 3 PM to present his case. The matter be decided in accordance with law within a period of one week thereafter. It is clarified that in case, petitioner does not appear before the Director Mining and Geology, Punjab, Chandigarh on 18.07.2025 at 3 pm or arguments are not addressed on his behalf, order dated 07.01.2025 shall automatically stand revived.

5. Writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

07.07.2025

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(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:-
Whether reportable:-

Yes/No
Yes/No