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

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CWP-6495-2026

Date of Decision : **March 23, 2026**

MAHIPAL SINGH MANN

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

**STATE OF PUNJAB, THROUGH THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE AND ANR**

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA

Present : Mr. Navneet Jindal, Advocate for the petitioner.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

1. In the present writ petition, the petitioner is praying for issuance of a direction to the respondents to count the military service rendered by the petitioner from 07.01.1973 to 09.12.1978 i.e. during the second national emergency for the purpose of increments and pensionary benefits in terms of Punjab Recruitment of Ex-Servicemen Rules, 1982.
2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, on instructions from the petitioner, submits that at this stage, he will be satisfied if a direction is given to respondent No.1 to decide the legal notice dated 01.01.2026 (Annexure P-8) submitted by the petitioner, in a time bound manner.
3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Rohit Ahuja, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and does not object to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to decide the legal notice dated 01.01.2026 (Annexure P-8), submitted by the petitioner within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law. In case, the petitioner is held entitled for grant of relief as claimed by him in the legal notice, as per the law/rules, the same be also released within a period of 01 month thereafter. In case the claim of the petitioner is not accepted, a speaking order be passed and copy of the same be supplied to the petitioner.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand(s) disposed of accordingly.

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)
JUDGE

March 23, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No