

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

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**Civil Writ Petition No.15247 of 2015
Date of Decision:29.07.2015**

Piara Singh

....petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

- 1.Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgement?**
- 2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?**
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?**

Present: Mr.Gurnam Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner

ARUN PALLI, J.(ORAL):-

A writ in the nature of certiorari is prayed for, so as to quash the order dated 30.06.2015 (Annexure P6) qua the petitioner with all consequential benefits as also for issuance of directions to the authorities to allow the petitioner to serve as Veterinary Inspector at CVH Verka, Amritsar.

The petitioner is engaged as a Veterinary Inspector at CVH Verka, District Amritsar. His wife Sukhmeet Kaur is serving as Mukh Sevika in the Rural Development and Panchayat Department of Punjab Government. She was transferred to block Verka, District Amritsar on 29.08.2012, pursuant to a government transfer policy that postulates that the spouses who are government employees should be kept at the same station for a minimum period of 5 years.

However, vide order being assailed dated 30.06.2015 (Annexure P6),

the petitioner has been transferred to CVD Mundi Churi Maar (Ferozepur) vice respondent No.4. It is contended that the petitioner is slated to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2016 and, thus, has only 10 months of service left. He submits that the transfer of the petitioner is in apparent breach of the transfer policy dated 08.06.2015 (Annexure P8). It is submitted that prior to the institution of this petition, he even represented to the Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Punjab, vide representation dated 10.07.2015 (Annexure P9) but the same is pending and continues to await consideration.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that let this petition be disposed of, with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide his representation(Annexure P9) within a specified time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merits, this petition is disposed of, with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as set out in his representation dated 10.07.2015 (Annexure P9), strictly, in accordance with law. Since time is the essence of the situation, respondent No.2 is directed to pass an appropriate order, on representation of the petitioner within one week from the receipt of the certified copy of this order. Needless to assert, a comprehensive order shall be passed assigning reasons, in support of the decision arrived at.

29.07.2015

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE