

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

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**Civil Writ Petition No.15846 of 2015
Date of Decision:04.08.2015**

Karamjit Kaurpetitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and anotherrespondents

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: Ms.Shikha Jaidka, Advocate
for the petitioner

ARUN PALLI, J.(ORAL):-

A writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, directing the respondents to take a final decision as regards charge sheet dated 22.09.2014 (Annexure P1), that had been issued to the petitioner, but despite submission of reply, no further action has been taken.

Petitioner is engaged as Math Mistress at Government High School, Burj Hari Singh, District Ludhiana. She applied for ex-India leave w.e.f.15.08.2014 to 30.11.2014. However, before her leave could be sanctioned, she left for Canada on 20.08.2014. Petitioner purports to have returned to India on 10.11.2014 and re-joined the duty on 28.11.2014. She was charge sheeted on 22.09.2014 (Annexure P1) as she un-authorizedly absented from duty w.e.f.20.08.2014 and was thus, guilty of indiscipline. A reply to the charge sheet was submitted by the petitioner on 26.12.2014

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(Annexure P2), but as no further decision has been taken, as regards appointment of an inquiry officer, the matter is at a standstill. And a considerable time has elapsed.

It is maintained that the petitioner intends to seek voluntary retirement, which is not feasible till the charge sheet against the petitioner is pending. So much so, prior to the institution of this petition, the petitioner had even represented to respondent No.2, in this regard, vide representation dated 20.04.2015 (Annexure P3), but to no avail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, let this petition be disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation (Annexure P3) submitted by the petitioner, within a specified time.

That being so, and, without expressing any opinion on merits, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2, to consider and decide the claim/grievance of the petitioner as set out in her representation dated 20.04.2015 (Annexure P3), strictly, in accordance with law, within a period of one month, from the receipt of the certified copy of this order.

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JUDGE