

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

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**Date of Decision: 12.01.2015
CWP No.23749-2013 (O&M)**

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... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. V. K. Sandhir, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajaib Singh, Addl. A. G., Punjab

Mr. Harjeet Singh Gill, Advocate
for Mr. Sandeep Khunger, Advocate
for the respondent No.3

Mr. H. S. Sethi, Advocate
for the respondent Nos.4 and 6

Mr. M. C. Berry, Advocate
for the respondent No.5

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J(ORAL)

The petitioner is working as Municipal Town Planner, Amritsar. He has filed the present petition praying for direction to set aside the order dated 17.10.2013 passed by the respondent No.1 whereby he has been suspended from the post of Municipal Town Planner.

In the reply filed on behalf of respondent Nos.1 and 2, it is stated that a complaint had been received against the petitioner. Thereby the

impugned suspension order was passed and the complaint was forwarded for preliminary enquiry by Chief Vigilance Officer. In the preliminary inquiry, Chief Vigilance Officer after recording the statement of the complainant and other concerned officers has reported that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are proved. He recommended the initiation of disciplinary action against the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that he is being victimized because he has conscientiously performed his duties and thereby annoyed many powerful interests. He further states he is due to retire in December, 2015 and apprehends that inquiry proceedings may dragged on without any report being submitted before his superannuation.

Learned Addl. A.G, Punjab while disputing the aforesaid contentions states that an Inquiry Officer has been appointed on 23.09.2014 and the inquiry would be completed expeditiously.

In view of aforesaid, this Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to conclude the inquiry proceedings against the petitioner at the earliest, preferably within three months.

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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE