

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

**CWP No.14155 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of decision : 03.08.2016**

Hanuman Singh

....Petitioner

Vs.

*Haryana State Federation of Consumers' Co-operative
Wholesale Stores Limited (Confed) and others*

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

The petitioner who was serving on the post of Storekeeper under the Haryana State Federation of Consumers' Co-operative Wholesale Stores Limited (CONFED) retired on 30.11.2014 upon attaining the age of superannuation.

The short grievance raised in the present petition is that the respondent authorities are not finalizing the departmental proceedings that were initiated against the petitioner while he was in service.

Brief facts that would require notice are that two charge-sheets dated 21.08.2012 and 08.10.2012 were served on the petitioner wherein the primary article of charge was: "Negligence in the performance of duties and causing heavy loss to the Federation/misappropriation/embezzlement of wheat stocks." Counsel submits that after issuance of the charge-sheets, reply was submitted, Inquiry Officer was appointed and the inquiry reports were duly furnished at Annexures P-9 and P-10. Thereafter, even two show cause notices dated 09.05.2014 and 14.10.2014 at Annexure P-11 and P-12 were issued contemplating the imposition of major penalty. It has been averred that the petitioner had even furnished replies to such show cause

notices. Thereafter, the petitioner was even called for a personal hearing. It is further contended that the Competent/Disciplinary Authority upon considering the replies furnished by the petitioner to the show cause notices and upon affording an opportunity of personal hearing had called for the comments from the Appropriate Authority in the month of September, 2015.

It is argued that the matter has not progressed thereafter and the departmental proceedings have not been finalized and which is to the prejudice of the petitioner inasmuch as his retiral benefits have been withheld.

In view of such limited grievance portrayed in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the present petition without even issuing notice in the writ petition and without seeking any written response to the same.

The present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 i.e. Managing Director, The Haryana State Federation of Consumers' Co-operative Wholesale Stores Limited (CONFED) to finalize the departmental proceedings initiated against the petitioner in the light of charge-sheets dated 21.08.2012 and 08.10.2012 at Annexures P-6 and P-7 expeditiously and in any case, within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

It is clarified that while issuing such directions, this Court has not examined the case of the petitioner on merits.

Disposed of.

03.08.2016

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

i) Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes

ii) Whether reportable? No