

**Sr. No. 120
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP No.15215 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.08.2016**

Satpal Singhmar and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Ivneet Singh Pabla, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Pleadings on record would indicate that the petitioners who were serving as Junior Engineers under the Department of Irrigation, State of Haryana were placed under suspension vide order dated 29.12.2014. Such suspension had been directed on account of initiation of departmental proceedings against the petitioners and a charge-sheet having been issued to each one of them on the allegations of certain irregularities and negligence during the course of certain repair work at Tajewala Water Works.

The short grievance raised by counsel is that in spite of the inquiry proceedings having been concluded by the Inquiry Officer in the hearing dated 25.05.2016, till date the inquiry report has not been furnished and as such the departmental proceedings have not been taken to their logical end and as a consequence thereto, the petitioners are still facing the ignominy of a suspension order and having been reinstated.

Against the factual backdrop noticed hereinabove, this Court is not inclined to accept the prayer of the petitioners as regards revocation of the order of suspension dated 29.12.2014. Be that as it may, it is certainly

obligatory upon the respondent authorities to conclude the departmental proceedings expeditiously and within a reasonable time frame.

Suffice it to observe that the petitioners have already been prejudiced inasmuch as having been placed under suspension in the month of December, 2014 the formal initiation of proceedings took place only on 11.12.2015 when the charge-sheet was served.

In the backdrop of the facts noticed hereinabove, the present petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent authorities to conclude the departmental proceedings as has been initiated against the petitioner expeditiously and in any case within a period of six months from today.

Disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

It is clarified that this Court while passing directions to expedite the departmental proceedings has not examined the case on merits.

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No