

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 24873 of 2016 (O/M)
Date of decision : 2.12.2016

Harcharan Singh Sidhu Petitioner (s)
Versus
State of Punjab and others Respondent (s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate, for the petitioner.

1. Whether the Reporters of local newspaper may be allowed to see the judgment ?
2. To be referred to the Reporter or not.
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest ?

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KULDIP SINGH J. (ORAL)

The petitioner was served with a chargesheet dated 3.2.2011 (Annexure-P-1). He retired from service on 28.2.2014 on attaining the age of superannuation. The petitioner has sought the quashing of the said chargesheet dated 3.2.2011 (Annexure-P-1), stating that it is still pending and on merits, the chargesheet is liable to be quashed.

I am of the view that the present writ petition has been filed after more than 5 ½ years of service of the said chargesheet. Therefore, at this stage, on the ground of delay and laches, this Court will not interfere to quash the said chargesheet. However, since the petitioner retired from service in the year 2014 and some of his retiral benefits are being withheld and the chargesheet is not being decided for the last 5 ½ years, therefore, without issuing notice to the opposite party, the respondents are directed to conclude the inquiry, not later than six months, from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and by passing a speaking order thereon.

Disposed of accordingly.

(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE

2.12.2016

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Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes
Whether Reportable : No