

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

Date of decision: 13.05.2016

CWP No.9370 of 2016

Ranjit Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab & another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: None for the petitioner.

1. *To be referred to the Reporters or not?*
2. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

Notice of motion.

Mr. G.S.Bal, learned Senior Advocate, assisted by Ms. Sunita Gupta, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent Board. Since connected case i.e. CWP No.8027 of 2016 titled 'Gurinder Pal Singh Bath Vs. State of Punjab & others' in which he was the senior arguing counsel, was listed, heard and dismissed today with costs of Rs.1 lac a few minutes before this matter was called for hearing. Both the matters are interconnected and arise from the same allegations of misconduct in which several employees are involved relating to tenders for construction of a spare room in each of the schools run by the Board in 22 districts of Punjab to house expansion of educational facilities. The contract runs into over 22 Crores.

No one has appeared for the petitioner on the first call. Nor a pass over is sought. Heard Mr. Bal. The present petitioner has been charge-sheeted

along with the petitioner in CWP No.8027 of 2016 (supra) for major misconduct as per the statement made by counsel for the Punjab School Education Board in the connected writ petition.

In view of the initiation of departmental proceedings against the petitioner and others in the huge construction scam running into several crore of rupees, no interference is warranted in this case under extraordinary writ jurisdiction at this stage. The petitioner is free to take his available defences in the disciplinary enquiry to follow the charge-sheet and show his innocence firstly by filing reply to the charge-sheet. The disciplinary authority would examine the reply and take further steps as are warranted by law.

The petition is dismissed as premature. No costs in this case.

13.05.2016
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[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE