

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

LPA-1484-2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 22, 2016

Jaswinder Singh

.....Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA**

Present: Mr.M.S.Rana, Advocate
for the appellant.

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SURYA KANT, J.

The appellant assails the order dated 25.05.2016 whereby learned Single Judge upheld the order of punishment of stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect and as a consequence thereof has dismissed his writ petition.

The appellant is a Conductor in Punjab Roadways. He was charge-sheeted for mis-appropriation of Box No.19 of passengers' tickets amounting to Rs.12059/-. The enquiry was held and he was found guilty of charges. His reply to the show cause notice was considered and thereafter only the subject punishment was awarded. His departmental appeal also failed. Those orders have been upheld by learned Single Judge.

We have heard learned counsel for the appellant at a considerable length. He has not been able to make out any case of violation

of principles of natural justice or denial of adequate opportunity to the appellant in the course of enquiry. As regard to the quantum of punishment which he alleges to be harsh, we do not find any ground to interfere with. Once the allegation of misappropriation of Government property is proved, stoppage of one increment without cumulative effect cannot be said to be disproportionate.

In view of the nature of charges proved against the appellant, no interference with the order under appeals is called for.

Dismissed.

**(SURYA KANT)
JUDGE**

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

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