

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

1. CWP No.10303 of 2017

Dal Chand ... Petitioner

Vs.

Union of India and others ... Respondents

2. CWP No.14513 of 2017

Jai Bhagwan Sharma ... Petitioner

Vs.

Union of India and others ... Respondents

3. CWP No.17439 of 2017

Ballu Ram ... Petitioner

Vs.

Union of India and others ... Respondents

Date of Decision:28.09.2017

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.B. BAJANTHRI

Present : Mr. R.S. Hooda, Advocate
Mr. Anil Ghanghas, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Vinod Sharma, Advocate for respondent No.1.

Mr. Bhushan Bhatia, Advocate and
Mr. Saurav Verma, Advocate for respondents No.2 and 3.

P.B. BAJANTHRI J. (Oral)

By this common order, all the aforementioned writ petitions shall be decided together as issue are identical in each of the case.

In these petitions, petitioner (s) have challenged the validity of initiation of inquiry (charge-sheet) issued by the General Manager on the ground that he is not competent authority and competent authority is Chairman.

No doubt before merger of Gurgaon Gramin Bank and Haryana Gramin Bank, Chairman was appointing and disciplinary authority.

However, after amalgamation of two banks power has been vested with General Manager in respect of certain officers including Class-II officers. Reading of regulation namely Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank (Officers and Employees) Service Regulations, 2010 dated 24.9.2015, it is evident that amalgamation of Haryana Gramin Bank and Gurgaon Gramin Bank would be effective from 29.11.2013. Therefore, petitioner who was an officer of the then Gurgaon Gramin Bank and now in the Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank, the regulation for the purpose of service condition is Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank (Officers and Employees) Service Regulation 2010 issued on 24.9.2015. In view of the later regulation issued on 24.9.2015, competent authority in respect of Officer Scale-I and Scale-II is General Manager. Since petitioner (s) are officers of Scale-I and Scale-II, therefore, contention of the petitioner(s) that appointing authority is Chairman is hereby rejected.

Accordingly, petition stands dismissed.

28.09.2017
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(P.B. Bajanthri)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned **Yes/No**

Whether reportable **Yes/No**