

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.14351 of 2017.

Date of Decision:-06.07.2017.

Jagir Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

The Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal Patiala and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Harnek Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

P.B. BAJANTHRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has questioned the validity of the award passed by the Industrial Tribunal, Patiala dated 02.02.2015. Petitioner was stated to have been appointed in the month of March, 1994. He applied for leave. The same was granted and further he has sought for extension of leave. Thereafter, petitioner has not reported for duty. Consequently, he was charge-sheeted on 7.8.2001. Despite issuance of sufficient notice for appearance in the inquiry, petitioner failed to appear. Hence, an *ex parte* order was passed while terminating the petitioner's service on 12.3.2003. Having regard to the conduct of the petitioner that he remained absent from January, 2001 onwards, petitioner has not produced any material to show that service of notice in respect of holding of inquiry was incomplete due to change of address. If the petitioner had changed his address, it was his bounden duty to furnish changed address to the employer. Therefore, there

is no lacunae in the ex parte inquiry and order of termination. Thus, there is no infirmity in the award dated 02.02.2015 (Annexure P-2) passed by the Industrial Tribunal, Patiala.

Accordingly, petition stands dismissed.

(P.B. BAJANTHRI)
JUDGE

July 06, 2017.
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.