

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

CWP No.20173 of 2015
Date of decision : 14.03.2017

Sikander Singh, Panch

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT RAWAL.

Present: Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Yatinder Sharma, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AMIT RAWAL, J. (Oral)

Short affidavit on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 has been filed today in the Court. Same is taken on record.

The petitioner has approached this Court against the order, whereby he has been suspended from the post of Panch and appeal filed therein has also been dismissed.

Mr. Nakul Sharma, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that preliminary enquiry was conducted, whereby petitioner has been issued show cause notice, much less, matter was enquired into by conducting regular enquiry and thereafter petitioner vide impugned order has been suspended for the last two years and no regular enquiry for taking action thereupon has been initiated which is not the scope of the provision of Section 24 of the Punjab Panchayat Raj Act.

Mr. Yatinder Sharma, Addl. A.G. Punjab submits that registration of the FIR has been entailed into in suspension wherein chargesheet has already been filed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and appraised the paper book.

Instead of pondering upon merits and demerits of the case, I deem it appropriate to direct the State to appoint Enquiry Officer who shall conduct regular enquiry as consequential procedure of suspension after affording opportunities to the petitioner to lead evidence in accordance with law and decide the matter as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

With the aforesaid observations, present writ petition stands disposed of.

14.03.2017

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**(AMIT RAWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No