

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

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CWP No.20349 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 10.10.2017

Harmeet Singh

....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Som Nath Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (Oral)

The instant petition is directed against the order dated 25.01.2016, passed by the Director, Health Services (Family Welfare), Punjab at Annexure P-1 and whereby, petitioner, who was working as Multi Purpose Health Worker (Male), has been dismissed.

Having heard counsel for the petitioner at length and having perused the pleadings on record, this Court is of the considered view that the validity of the impugned order need not be examined on merit at this stage.

This view is being taken against the factual premise that the petitioner has availed of his statutory remedy of appeal before the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, State of Punjab. Copy of the appeal dated 12.10.2016 has been placed on record and appended as Annexure P-3.

Counsel submits that till date, no final decision has been taken.

Under such circumstances, the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 i.e. Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, to take a final decision on the statutory appeal dated 12.10.2016 (Annexure P-3) strictly in accordance with law and to pass a final order thereupon within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

It would be appreciated if respondent No.1, prior to passing the final order, affords an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner.

It is clarified that this Court has not examined the impugned order of dismissal on merits.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

10.10.2017

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Whether speaking/reasoned : ***Yes/No***

Whether reportable : ***Yes/No***