

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

**CWP No. 26005 of 2015
Date of Decision: 18.03.2017**

Balwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Guru Nanak Dev University & Anr.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Subhash Ahuja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amrit Paul, Advocate
for the respondents.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The present writ petition was filed seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to call the petitioner for interview and consider him for a promotion to the post of Professor.

It is contended that the petitioner herein fulfills all the necessary qualifications for promotion to the said post. A further prayer has been made for the issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari for quashing the chargesheet dated 08.07.2011 (Annexure P-8) and all consequential proceedings arising thereunder.

Mr. Subhash Ahuja, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, submits that this is the third phase of litigation that the petitioner has been facing and despite giving a statement in CWP No. 20694 of 2012 by the petitioner that he would be ready to face the charges, the Enquiry Committee has not concluded the process to date. It is urged that the petitioner is having great hardship on account of the proceedings pending

and a limited prayer is made that a direction be issued at the present moment to the Enquiry Committee to complete the proceedings as expeditiously as possible.

Mr. Amrit Paul, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents, is not in a position to dispute that the enquiry under the chargesheet is still pending and as on date has not been concluded.

In view of above, without going into the merits of the case, this Court is of the opinion that the enquiry has been pending for an extraordinary length of time and deserves a final conclusion. Therefore, the Enquiry committee is hereby directed to complete the enquiry within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. Let a copy of this order be served upon the Enquiry Committee through the petitioner as well as the University.

The writ petition is disposed of leaving it open to the petitioner to avail of any remedy available to him thereafter.

March 18, 2017

Ansari

**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable*

*Yes/No
Yes/No*