

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

CWP No.22192 of 2017

Date of Decision: 27.09.2017

Neeru Bhardwaj

. . . Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Warehousing Corporation

. . . Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Sukhandeep Singh, Advocate for
Mr. J.P. Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Tejinder Singh Dhindsa, J. (Oral)

Petitioner is presently serving on the post of Private Secretary under the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation.

Challenge in the instant petition is to the show cause notice dated 01.08.2017 (Annexure P-4), contemplating reversion of the petitioner to the post of Steno-typist. As per show cause notice, 30 days time was granted for filing of the reply.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that an extension of time in that regard has been granted up to 01.10.2017.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner at length and having perused the pleadings on record, this Court is of the considered view that no interference in the matter is warranted at this stage.

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It would be appropriate for the petitioner to respond to the show cause notice dated 01.08.2017 (P-4) and to raise all grounds as available in accordance with law. Liberty is granted to submit reply to the show cause notice within a week of the extended period already granted.

Instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent-Managing Director, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, to take a final decision on the show cause notice dated 01.08.2017 (P-4), after considering and dealing with all the pleas to be raised by the petitioner in the reply that is to be submitted by passing a speaking order.

It is further directed that in the eventuality of an order adverse to the petitioner, being passed, the same shall be held in abeyance for a period of two weeks' from the date of passing of such order. Such limited protection is being granted to the petitioner in view of the factual premise that the promotion of the petitioner from the post of Steno-typist to Junior Scale Stenographer was way back in the year 1999 and thereafter, the petitioner has also earned promotions to the post of Senior Scale Stenographer, Personal Assistant and Private Secretary.

Writ petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

[TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA]
JUDGE

September 27, 2017

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Whether Speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No