

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.24256 of 2017(O&M)
Date of Decision: 26.10.2017

Ravinder Pal Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. P.S. Khurana, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J

Pleadings on record indicate that the petitioner while serving on the post of Tehsil Welfare Officer under the Department of Welfare, Scheduled Castes and Backward Castes, State of Punjab was proceeded against departmentally in terms of issuance of charge sheet dated 30.3.2011. Prior thereto he had been placed under suspension on 31.12.2009. After issuance of charge sheet, petitioner was reinstated on 3.5.2011 subject to outcome of the departmental proceedings.

Counsel submits that the departmental proceedings have culminated in the exoneration of the petitioner. On identical allegations criminal proceedings were also initiated and in which the petitioner has earned acquittal.

Counsel states that he is confining the scope of the instant petition only with regard to directions to be issued to the respondent authorities to take a final decision with regard to the suspension period i.e. from 31.12.2009 to 3.5.2011. Categorical submission raised before this Court is that till date no order pertaining to the suspension period has been passed by the appropriate authority.

In the light of such short grievance raised, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition in terms of granting liberty to the petitioner to approach respondent no.1 i.e. the Secretary of the Appropriate Govt. by filing a representation to take a final decision as regards the period spent by the petitioner under suspension. In the eventuality of any such representation being preferred, respondent no.1 would be obligated to consider the same and to take a final decision thereupon strictly in accordance with law expeditiously and in any case within a period of two months from the date of submission of the representation.

It is clarified that it would be open for the petitioner to press for his other relief of opening of the sealed cover in relation to the departmental promotion proceedings for the promotional post after a final decision is taken as regards his suspension period.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

26.10.2017

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No