

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

LPA no.1605 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision :30.08.2017

Dharam Singh

....Appellant(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER
HON'BLE MR JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present : Mr.D.S.Adlakha, Advocate for the appellant(s)

MAHESH GROVER, J.(ORAL)

This appeal is directed against the judgment of the learned Single Judge dated 25.7.2017. The appellant is working as Part Time Pump Operator engaged by the Gram Panchayat for which we are informed that funds flow from the Government. However, there is no concrete material on record in this regard and therefore, it is difficult to understand the nature of engagement of the appellant with the Gram Panchayat and whether it can be construed as a public appointment governed by a set of rules.

We also noticed from the record that the appellant has been working as a Part Time Pump Operator and atleast three Gram Panchayats to which he was assigned the work of supplying water had made complaints of his unsatisfactory work. In these circumstances when the Gram Panchayat has dispensed with the engagement of the appellant and in the absence of any rules or material to show the nature of engagement, we are of the opinion that the Gram Panchayat would be completely within its rights to terminate the service of an employee whose work they do not consider

satisfactory. There is thus no cause made out to interfere with the judgment of the learned Single Judge. Hence, instant appeal is hereby dismissed.

(Mahesh Grover)
Judge

30.08.2017		(Raj Shekhar Attri)
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No	
Whether reportable	Yes/No	