

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

**CWP No. 16058 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.01.2018**

Ramesh Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. B.R. Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mrs. Lavanya Paul, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for respondent Nos. 1 & 2/State and
assisted by Mr. Gurmit Singh, Senior Assistant.

Mr. V.K. Sandhir, Advocate
for respondent Nos. 3, 7, 9 & 14.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner-Ramesh Kumar stood promoted to the substantive rank of Senior Assistant (Accounts), a district cadre post in District Patiala, in the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab. The petitioner was given the additional charge of Block Development & Panchayat Officer (in short 'BDPO'), Khamano, District Fatehgarh Sahib, vide order dated 30.05.2016, however, the same was withdrawn vide impugned order dated 30.06.2016 (**Annexure P-3**) on appointment of a regular BDPO-Sh. Kulwinder Singh, who was transferred from Khanna Block, District Ludhiana.

Since some of the Senior Assistants were given the additional charge of BDPOs/DDPOs in different blocks/districts, the petitioner filed this petition by making out a case that juniors were granted the additional charge of the post of BDPOs, while ignoring his claim.

Upon notice, it transpires that the petitioner, who is belonging to the district cadre of Patiala, does not have a common seniority with the Senior Assistant(s) belonging to the other district cadres, who have been granted additional charge of BDPO in their own district. That apart, learned State Counsel on instructions from Mr. Gurmit Singh, Sr. Assistant, states that subsequently on the post of BDPO in the same block having become vacant, the petitioner was granted additional charge of BDPO for Rurka Kalan, District Patiala and he continued the charge till he was caught red-handed, accepting the bribe and placed under suspension vide order dated 13.09.2017.

In view of the above, no case for any further interference or adjudication is made out, therefore, the present petition is **dismissed**.

January 09, 2018

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>