

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 7743 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 23.05.2018**

Jatinder Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. R.K. Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manoj Bajaj, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
for respondent Nos. 1 to 3/State.

Mrs. Sudeepti Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No. 4-Municipal Council, Nawanshahr.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner (Jatinder Kumar), while working as Cashier with the Municipal Council, Nawanshahr, has been placed under suspension vide order dated 23.05.2017 (**Annexure P-4**). By filing the present petition, the primary relief claimed is towards directing the respondents to pay and clear the arrears of subsistence allowance @ 75% after six months of the suspension order. Further prayer is for direction to the Appellate Authority to decide the statutory appeal filed against the said suspension order.

Upon notice, counsel for contesting respondent No. 4 (Municipal Council, Nawanshahr) states that the arrears of subsistence allowance due @ 75% w.e.f. 23.11.2017 are being cleared by issuing a cheque No. 215603, dated 22.05.2018, which the petitioner is free to collect on any working day from the office. She also submits that an enquiry

officer stands appointed vide Resolution No. 326, dated 23.04.2018 to enquire into charges *inter alia* of a bribe of Rs. 30,000/-. With regard to the statutory appeal, she further submits that since there are only two charges, the enquiry officer would endeavour to complete the enquiry proceedings in an expeditious manner subject to the petitioner cooperating to the same.

In view of the stand of the counsel for contesting respondent No. 4, counsel for the petitioner does not press this petition at this stage.

Dismissed as not pressed.

It is hoped that enquiry officer would complete the enquiry within next six months, and thereafter, any action, if required, be completed within next two months by the disciplinary/appointing authority.

May 23, 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>