

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-176-2019

Date of decision: 10.01.2019

Pankaj Chaudhry

...Petitioner

V/s.

State of Haryana and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI.

Present: Mr. Raman B. Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

RITU BAHRI, J. (Oral).

By this petition, the petitioner is seeking direction to the respondents to finalise the departmental inquiry initiated vide charge-sheet dated 19.12.2016 (Annexure P-1) within a reasonable period.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has referred to the Supreme Court judgment in the case of ***Prem Nath Bali Vs. Registrar, High Court of Delhi*** 2015 (16) SCC 415 (Annexure P-3) whereby in para 33, the Supreme Court has observed that in case of departmental inquiry initiated against an employee, it should be concluded within six months as an outer limit and if extension is required to be given, it should not be more than one year.

The case of the petitioner here is that departmental proceedings were initiated against him vide charge-sheet dated 19.12.2016 (Annexure P-1) and in para 7 of the writ petition it has been stated that the departmental proceedings were conducted on six dates but has not been concluded so far.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, keeping in view the aforesaid judgment of the Supreme Court (Annexure P-3), this writ petition is being disposed of by giving direction to the respondents to conclude the inquiry within a period of six months in

accordance with law.

10.01.2019
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No