

Civil Writ Petition No. 18191 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of decision : 12.07.2019

Seema Rani

... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. P.S. Khurana, Advocate
for the petitioner.Ms. Anu Chatrath, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG PunjabARUN MONGA, J(ORAL)

Grievance of the petitioner, *inter alia*, is that his statutory appeal preferred under Rule 5(a) of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 has been wrongly and summarily dismissed vide impugned order dated 22.02.2018(Annexure P-1) in the following terms:-

“Regarding subject cited above, your letter has been filed by the department after consideration.”

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner would be satisfied if she is granted an opportunity of hearing in the appeal and the same is disposed of by passing a speaking order reflecting application of mind by the Appellate Authority for sustaining the punishment order dated 05.05.2015(Annexure P-2) vide which she has been dismissed from service. The said prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner is fair and reasonable. Apart from the above, it would be educative to reproduce from a judgment rendered by this Court in case titled as "**Dr. P.K. Mittal Vs. State of Punjab and Others**", reported as 1982 (3) SLR

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