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

**CWP NO. 15184 OF 2015  
DECIDED ON : 09.04.2019**

**KULDEEP**

**...PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**THE CHAIRMAN PERMANENT LOK ADALAT & ORS**

**...RESPONDENTS**

**CWP No. 16396 OF 2015**

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AND ANOTHER**

**...PETITIONERS**

**VERSUS**

**THE CHAIRMAN, PERMANENT LOK ADALAT  
AND ANOTHER**

**...RESPONDENTS**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA**

Present : Mr. Rajeev Godara, Advocate,  
for the petitioner in  
CWP No. 15184 of 2015.

Mr. Karan Rana, Advocate,  
for the petitioner in  
CWP No. 16396 of 2015.

Mr. Pankaj Mulwani, DAG, Haryana.

Ms. Varsha Gupta, Advocate for  
Mr. Sumeet Goel, Advocate,  
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Puneet Bansal, Advocate,  
for respondents No.3 and 4.

**ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)**

1. This order of mine shall dispose of above mentioned two writ petitions, as similar facts and common questions of law are involved therein. For brevity, the facts are being taken from CWP No. 15184 of 2015.

2. Relevant part of the impugned order is reproduced herein below :

*" The higher authorities/appointing authority of Kuldeep Singh, ALM is directed to terminate his services with immediate effect under intimation to this Adalat because it is not desirable to keep such type of the negligent officials in this Department of public utility."*

3. Having perused the impugned order dated 16.07.2015 (Annexure P-1) passed by respondent No.1, I am of the opinion that the same does not stand judicial scrutiny. The basic principles of natural justice have been violated by not hearing the affected person, whose services have been directed to be terminated by respondent No.3. Even otherwise, under Section 22 (c) of the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987, the Permanent Lok Adalat is not vested with any such powers to pass the directions of the nature, as have been issued in the present case. The learned Permanent Lok Adalat, ought to have confined itself to the merits of the claim, inter se the parties before it, but acted way beyond the statutory jurisdiction vested in it under the Act, *ibid*.

3. In view thereof, both the writ petitions are allowed and the impugned order dated 16.07.2015 (Annexure P-1) is set-aside. No order as to costs.

**(ARUN MONGA)**  
**JUDGE**

**APRIL 09, 2019**  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned : | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable :        | Yes/No |