

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
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CWP-19510-2015

Date of Decision: 27.09.2019

Hardeep Sngh Dhaliwal

.. Petitioner

vs.

Punjab State Powers Corporation Ltd. and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Petitioner-in-person.

Mr. Jagdeep Singh Rana, Advocate for
Mr. Vinod S. Bhardwaj, Advocate, for the respondents

ARUN MONGA, J.(ORAL)

Grievance of the petitioner, *inter alia*, at the time of filing of the writ petition, was qua an order dated 21.08.2015 (Annexure P-12) vide which he was suspended.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the respondents submits that during the pendency of the writ petition, the said suspension order has since been withdrawn and to that extent, the writ petition is rendered infructuous.

3. On a query posed by the Court, petitioner appearing in person submits that the suspension order, indeed, has been withdrawn and to that extent, he does not press for the relief of issuance of writ of *certiorari*, as prayed in the petition.

4. As regards the other relief i.e. for issuance of a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to hold an open vigilance inquiry, I am of the opinion that the same is not only vague but is also based on general allegations of widespread corruption in the PSPCL qua which direction has been sought for holding a general investigation/inquiry. The petitioner claims to be a whistle-blowers and states that he has been victimised on that score.

5. Having heard the petitioner, who is appearing in person, and having perused the pleadings, I am of the view that being a whistle-blower, there is no personal grievance of the petitioner qua the aforesaid relief of seeking *mandamus*. It is, in any case, not a writ petition filed in public interest. The same is, accordingly, disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to file an appropriate Public Interest Litigation, in case, he wishes to pursue his cause.

27.09.2019

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

: Yes/No

Whether Reportable

: Yes/No