

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

CWP-21042 of 2019

Date of decision: 05.09.2019

Sardool Singh

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.

In the present writ petition, though, the prayer which is being made by the petitioner is for quashing of charge sheet dated 01.02.2013 (Annexure P-2) but at the time of arguments, counsel for the petitioner submits that he will be satisfied, in case, the respondents are directed to decide the charge sheet dated 01.02.2013 (Annexure P-2) in a time bound manner as the pendency of the same is causing prejudice to the petitioner for the reason that pensionary benefits of the petitioner have been withheld by the respondents.

Counsel for the petitioner argues that in respect of the charge sheet dated 01.02.2013 (Annexure P-2), the petitioner has already submitted reply dated 04.02.2013 (Annexure P-3/) but the said charge sheet is still pending consideration, despite the fact that more than six years have been

elapsed.

Keeping in view the prayer made by the counsel for the petitioner, the present writ petition is being disposed of without issuing notice of motion, with a direction to the respondents that the charge sheet dated 01.02.2013 (Annexure P-2) be decided finally by passing an appropriate order within a period of six months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

Counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner will co-operate in completing the inquiry proceedings within above time framed.

Respondents are also given liberty to approach this Court, in case, under any circumstances, the respondents are not able to decide the same within the aforesaid period with a valid justification or petitioner does not co-operate in enquiry proceedings so as to decide the charge sheet in a time bound manner.

The present writ petition stands disposed of. However, it is made clear that this Court expresses no opinion on merits of the case or justification of the petitioner in respect of the charge sheet at this stage.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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| 2. | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |