

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

**CWP-38121-2018 (O&M)  
Date of Decision:09.01.2019**

Rajpal Makkar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.**

Present: Mr. Navjot Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)**

Petitioner while serving as an Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mansa was placed under suspension vide order dated 15.12.2016 passed by the State Government (Annexure P-1).

Instant writ petition has been filed seeking quashing of the suspension order and for reinstatement on the post in question.

Having heard counsel for the petitioner at length and having perused the pleadings on record, this Court is of the considered view that the validity of the suspension order need not be gone into at this stage. Such view is being taken for the reason that after passing of the order of suspension, a regular departmental inquiry was initiated and a charge sheet was served upon the petitioner. Placed on record at Annexure P-3 is an inquiry report relating to common inquiry proceedings against the present petitioner as also other charge sheeted officials and whereby the petitioner has been exonerated of the charges. It is the contention made by counsel that even though the inquiry report had been furnished almost 20 months back, yet no final decision had been taken by the competent authority with regard to revoking of the suspension order and consequent reinstatement to the post

in question.

It is noticed that the petitioner has already submitted a representation dated 02.07.2018 to the Principal Secretary, Department of Local Government, Punjab agitating his grievance and no final decision thereupon has been taken till date.

In view of the above and without going into the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition with a direction to respondent No.1 to consider the grievance of the petitioner as portrayed in the representation dated 02.07.2018 (Annexure P-5) and to take a final decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

**09.01.2019**

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)  
JUDGE**

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| i)  | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable?        | Yes/No |