

106

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

CWP N0.770 of 2021
Date of decision: 13.01.2021

Harpreet Singh

..... Petitioner (s)

V/s.

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondent (s)

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Judgepreet Singh Warring, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Maloo Chahal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Sanjay Kumar, J. (Oral)

The petitioner, a physically handicapped Panchayat Secretary, assails the order dated 16.12.2020 passed by the Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, whereby he was transferred from Block Arniwala, District Fazilka, to Block Pathankot, District Pathankot. According to the petitioner, this transfer is contrary to the guidelines in the State Transfer Policy dated 23.04.2018 (Annexure P-2).

While so, Ms. Maloo Chahal, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, would point out that the impugned transfer order dated 16.12.2020 itself made it clear that if any of the Panchayat Secretaries

subjected to transfer had service of less than one year prior to their retirement or was disabled or had a Court case regarding transfer, then approval would have to be taken from the Head Office before relieving such Panchayat Secretary. She would point out that the petitioner submitted representation dated 18.12.2020 to the authorities concerned in relation to his grievance apropos the transfer order and the same is yet to be considered.

In the light of the aforestated facts and circumstances, it would suffice at this stage if the authorities look into the petitioner's grievance, as ventilated through his representation dated 18.12.2020, and take a decision with regard to his proposed transfer in the context of the extant transfer policy guidelines, set out in Annexure P-2. Till such exercise is completed, the petitioner shall not be relieved from his existing post at Block Arniwala, District Fazilka. The exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is disposed of with the above directions.

No order as to costs.

13.01.2021

rakesh

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

whether speaking

: *Yes/no*

whether reportable

: *Yes/no*