

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

(103)

CWP-3486-2021

Date of Decision: February 15, 2021

Bhagat Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

(Through video conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Lakhwinder Singh Mann, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Sunnit Kaur, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present petition, the grievance of the petitioner is that appropriate action on the applications/representations filed by the petitioner i.e. Annexures P-5 to P-7 be taken wherein, the petitioner has made a request for taking action against respondent No.7, who was working as Panchayat Secretary of the village Lakhawal Kalan, Teshil Samrala, District Ludhiana and had made a wrong report against the petitioner due to mala fide reasons, due to which the ration being given to the petitioner was stopped by the authorities and ultimately, the said report was found to be incorrect for which purpose, an enquiry has been initiated against respondent No.7.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that enquiry initiated against respondent No.7 is not being taken to logical end and is being kept pending for the last more than six months.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Sunnit Kaur, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Learned counsel for the respondents submits that she has instructions that the enquiry which is pending against respondent No.7 will be taken to logical end within a period of three months.

It is made clear that respondent No.7 is to be given due opportunity to defend himself in the said enquiry and the enquiry should not be rushed through into keeping in view the time frame prescribed by the respondents.

In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction that enquiry proceedings pending against respondent No.7 be taken to the logical end in accordance with law by adopting due process as envisaged under law and by giving due opportunity to respondent No.7 of defence, within a period of three months from today.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

February 15, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No