

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

CWP-3555-2021(O&M)

Date of decision : 16.02.2021

Pardeep Khanna

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board and another

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Puneet Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Moudgil, Advocate for the respondents.

ALKA SARIN, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The present Civil Writ Petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to the respondents to release the gratuity amount due to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the disciplinary proceedings have been pending against the petitioner for the last five years and ten months and his gratuity amount has been withheld on the said account.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Moudgil, Advocate, who has joined the sessions through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and he states that the disciplinary proceedings, which are pending against the petitioner, would be decided in

accordance with law, within a period of two months.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the stand taken by learned counsel for the respondents, the present writ petition is disposed off with a direction to the respondents to conclude the disciplinary proceedings pending against the petitioner, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case the petitioner is found to be not guilty, the gratuity amount due to him be released, along with interest, within a period of one month thereafter.

Disposed off.

16.02.2021
Yogesh Sharma

(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO