

Sukhpal Singh Gill

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTALPresent: Mr. Deepak Nayar, Advocate
for the petitioner**Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner was working as Panchayat Secretary. He made a complaint dated 23.05.2018 to the Financial Commissioner Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab that the BDPO and the Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, Pamal had illegally withdrawn amounts from the Panchayat accounts without taking signatures of the Panchayat Secretary. Thereafter, an inquiry was conducted and vide report dated 16.12.2019, the allegations were found to have been substantiated. Subsequently, the petitioner was suspended on 03.09.2020 without granting him any opportunity of hearing. The said order was set aside by this Court vide order dated 03.12.2020 passed in CWP No.2072 of 2020 with liberty to the concerned authorities to pass a fresh order after complying with the principles of natural justice. A fresh order dated 25.01.2021 has now been passed according to which the petitioner is liable to be suspended as there is an allegation of embezzlement of Rs.30,77,846/- from the funds meant for development works in Gram Panchayat Pamal on 28.08.2020 and a criminal case has been registered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is being victimized on account of complaint dated 23.05.2018 made to the Financial Commissioner.

However, I am not satisfied with the submission made. No inference of victimization can be drawn from the documents brought to the notice of this Court.

Thus, the writ petition has no merit and is dismissed.

The petitioner shall however be at liberty to take all defences during the course of the inquiry.

April 19, 2021

*Poonam Negi***[SUDHIR MITTAL]**
JUDGE**Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No****Whether Reportable : Yes/No**