

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA ATCHANDIGARH

CWP-9900-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: May 18, 2021

MANGAL SINGH

..... PETITIONER(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. G.P.S. Randhawa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, Asst. A.G., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic, COVID-19.

Prayer in this writ petition is for quashing order dated 08.12.2020 (Annexure P-7), whereby one yearly increment of the petitioner with future effects has been stopped after an inquiry was held on the charges against the petitioner as per charge sheet issued on 03.07.2020.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has filed an appeal challenging order dated 08.12.2020 on 11.01.2021 (Annexure P-8) but no action is being taken thereon. Petitioner has since retired on 30.04.2021 and his entire retiral benefits etc. are adversely affected by imposition of this punishment, which is liable to be set aside.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts the prayer for a decision on petitioner's appeal dated 11.01.2021 (Annexure P-8), in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 3.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, Asst. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents no.1 to 3. Advance copy of the writ petition stands served. Learned counsel for the State does not raise any serious objection to the limited prayer addressed.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, but without any expression of opinion on the merits of the matter, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide appeal dated 11.01.2021 (Annexure P-8), within a period of three months from receipt of certified copy of this order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

18.05.2021

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**(LISA GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No