

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

LPA-205-2022(O&M)
Date of decision: 28.03.2022

Raj Karan Verma

... Appellant

Versus

Food Corporation of India and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA,
CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI**

Present: Mr. V.K. Jindal, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Kshitij Sharma, Advocate, for the appellant.

Mr. K.K. Gupta, Advocate, for the respondent-FCI.

RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (Oral)

This appeal has been filed by the appellant being aggrieved by order dated 25.02.2022 passed by learned Single Bench dismissing the application for stay filed by him, wherein he had prayed for stay of further proceedings in the departmental inquiry initiated against the petitioner (appellant herein) awaiting the decision in the criminal trial that is pending against him in respect of the same issues. During the course of hearing, learned counsel appearing for the respondent-FCI informs the Court that in the instant case, the departmental proceedings had practically concluded after filing of reply by the appellant, adducing of evidence and examining of witnesses and the inquiry report has also been submitted to the higher authority which is in the process of being transmitted to the appellant.

In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, as all the steps have already been taken in the departmental inquiry, and taking the

statement of learned counsel for the respondent-FCI on record, the appeal filed by the appellant is permitted to be withdrawn with liberty to take up all issues in respect of the claim of the appellant regarding stay before the Single Bench when the matter is pending adjudication for 22.04.2022. For, the departmental inquiry had practically concluded and any observation made by this Court in this appeal would prejudice the decision pending before the Single Bench.

(Ravi Shanker Jha)
Chief Justice

(Arun Palli)
Judge

28.03.2022
Rajan

Whether speaking / reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

YES
NO