

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CWP-7371-2022 (O & M)

Date of Decision: April 07, 2022

SURINDER SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Nitin Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner has sought quashing of the order dated 25.03.2022 whereby he has been transferred from Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur to Gehri Mandi, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that this is the fifth transfer of the petitioner within a span of one year and is in violation of the guidelines issued by the respondents that transfer should not be effected unless he has put in a period of 02 years at a station.

Issue notice to the respondents.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Anil Sharma, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents and submits that the petitioner has been transferred to Gehri Mandi as the earlier incumbent was placed under suspension on allegations of misappropriation of funds and damage to the stock. The post had fallen vacant and the petitioner was posted there due to an administrative exigency to supervise wheat procurement which had already commenced. He also submits that after the procurement season is over, the request of the petitioner for transfer would be considered sympathetically. He also submits that out of the four transfers, one transfer was at the behest of the

petitioner as he had made a request for transfer from Bhulath, District Kapurthala to District Gurdaspur. The petitioner is a resident of Gurdaspur district and has remained posted there for most of his service.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner has been transferred due to administrative exigency relating to procurement of wheat which is a massive operation and officers of various organizations are required in full strength for its smooth completion, I do not find any illegality in the impugned order.

The petition stands dismissed.

However, in the event of the petitioner preferring a representation after the wheat procurement is over, the same shall be considered by the respondents sympathetically.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

April 07, 2022
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No