

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

Sr. No.155

CWP-13079-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision : 02.06.2022

Gurinder Jit Singh

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. R.K. Garg, Advocate, for the petitioner.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is an ex-Panch. Allegedly, for some part of his tenure, he was elected as authorized Panch. A complaint dated 19.03.2018
02.04.2019 was submitted against him. Thereupon, enquiry has been initiated against him vide communication dated 23.02.2022 issued by the Divisional Deputy Director. Thus, the present writ petition has been filed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner demitted office in the year 2018 and thus, no action can be taken against him under Section 20 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. Impugned notice dated 23.03.2022 is without jurisdiction and deserves to be quashed.

Upon a perusal of the record, I am satisfied that the argument is mis-conceived. Notice dated 23.02.2022 shows that enquiry is being initiated on allegations of embezzlement and thus, the submission that the same is for taking action under Section 20 of the aforementioned Act cannot be accepted.

The writ petition has no merit and is dismissed.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

02.06.2022

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No