

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-17873-2022

DATE OF DECISION: 16.08.2022

JANAK RAJ MEHROK

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Anil Mehta, Advocate and
Ms. Irvanneet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Robin Gill, Advocate for respondents –PSEB.

Mr. Alankrit Bhardwaj, Advocate for respondent No.4.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking quashing of the charge sheet issued by the respondent No.3. He is seeking further direction to respondent No.4 to consider him for the post of Registrar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner who was working as Joint Secretary with respondent No.3 had been issued charge sheet on frivolous grounds which are pending adjudication for over two years. The delay in the adjudication and finalisation of the departmental proceedings has rendered the petitioner ineligible for further employment. The respondent No.4 has issued an advertisement for inviting applications for the post of Registrar and the delay in the finalization of departmental proceedings by respondent No.3 is coming in the way of the candidature of the petitioner for the post of Registrar.

Issue notice to the respondents.

Mr. Robin Gill, Advocate and Mr. Alankrit Bhardwaj, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-PSEB and respondent No.4 respectively.

Heard.

The petitioner was working as Joint Secretary with respondent No.3. He had been issued three charge sheets which pertain to serious allegations related to irregularities in not maintaining the record. There were shortcomings in the external examinations and the petitioner is also being accused of lack of supervision.

In view of the allegations against the petitioner which are pending consideration in the departmental proceedings, I cannot issue direction to respondent No.4 to consider him eligible for the post of Registrar. However, there appears to be merit in the prayer of the petitioner that the departmental proceedings are pending for over two years and deserve to be finalised expeditiously.

Consequently the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to finalise the departmental proceedings against the petitioner within a period of 6 months from now.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

16.08.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No