

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

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CWP-20165-2022

Date of decision : 07.09.2022

Nanak Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. and others

.. Respondents

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. R.K. Arya, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Kashish Sahni, Advocate for the respondents.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has challenged the order dated 16.09.2021 (Anenxure P-3) whereby he has been imposed punishment of stoppage of one increment with cumulative effect.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is working as a Regular Team Mate. It was alleged that a defective meter had not been returned to M.E. Lab and the same had been installed in the house of other consumer. The petitioner is not concerned in installation of the meter in the house of other consumer and has been made a scapegoat to save senior officers. The petitioner is a Class-III employee and was not involved in checking of the allegedly defective meter and has been falsely implicated.

Heard.

The allegations against the petitioner are that while he was working as a Regular Team Mate, he had made an entry in the account of a consumer whereby the meter in question had been returned to M.E. Sub-

division Gurdaspur. It had come out in the enquiry that the meter had never been returned to M.E. Sub-division Gurdaspur and it had been fraudulently installed at the house of other consumer. In terms of the impugned order (Annexure P-3), an enquiry had been conducted into the matter whereby the petitioner had been given proper opportunity to present his case. At the conclusion of the enquiry whereby the petitioner had been indicted, the disciplinary authority has imposed the punishment of stoppage of one increment with future effect. I am of the considered view that the petitioner has been let off lightly and in any event, no ground is made out to interfere in the findings of the disciplinary authority.

Consequently, the petition stands dismissed.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

September 07, 2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No