

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

CWP-6659-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 24.03.2022

RICHHPAL SINGH

...Petitioner

V/S

STATE OF HARYANA & ORS

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sharan Sethi, Additional A.G., Haryana.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petition herein under Article 227 of Constitution of India is for setting aside the order dated 10.03.2018 (Annexure P-3) passed by respondent No.2 vide which the petitioner has been suspended from the post of District Horticulture Officer, Panchkula.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner earlier approached this Court by way of filing CWP No.20833-2017 regarding his transfer order, which was stayed vide order dated 13.09.2017. Subsequently, the transfer order was withdrawn. He submits that due to filing of the aforesaid writ petition, official respondents were just looking for ostensible reasons to implicate the petitioner in some false case. He further submits not even a single complaint was ever been received against the petitioner. No prior enquiry was conducted, and yet petitioner was placed under suspension. The suspension order was passed was on a holiday, which reflects the mala-fide on the part of respondent-authorities.

Learned State counsel appears and strenuously opposes the petition on the lines of defense taken in the reply.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper book.

It transpires that during pendency of the writ proceedings not only the petitioner has retired but has also been exonerated in the departmental proceedings, as is contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

In the premise, proceedings before this Court are rendered infructuous and disposed of accordingly. It is however, expected of the respondents that depending upon the outcome of the departmental proceedings, if any further action is required, needful be done as expeditiously as possible and in case, the petitioner has been exonerated as contended by learned counsel for the petitioner, then the consequential benefits for the period he remained suspended be conferred to him within a period of three months from today.

Disposed of accordingly.

24.03.2022
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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No