

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

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CWP No. 3070 of 2023

Date of Decision: 15.02.2023

Jatinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr.Narender Singh Kamboj , Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Arora, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari to quash the Inquiry Report dated 14.01.2022 (Annexure P-16) and final order dated 07.03.2022 (Annexure P-19).

2. The relevant facts, in brief, are required to be noticed. The petitioner was an employee on a contract basis as Gram Rojgar Sewak under Mahatama Gandhi NREGA Scheme on 10.07.2013.

3 At one point in time, the disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the petitioner for making wrong payment to the work men. However, subsequently, by the impugned order dated 07.03.2022, the petitioner has been relieved from service after completion of his contractual period. The competent authority has only refused to renew the contract. Once an employee who has been relieved in terms of the contract, he/she is not entitled to claim renewal of the contract of service. The competent authority is not duty bound to renew the contract of service. Renewal of contract cannot be claimed as a matter of right. Reliance has been placed on the ***State of Maharashtra versus Anita and Others (2016) 8 SCC 293.***

4 Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, no ground is made out to issue the writ. Hence, the present writ petition is dismissed.

15.02.2023

Rajeev (rvs)

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)

JUDGE