

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh**Civil Writ Petition No. 6418 of 2023****Date of Decision: 27.03.2023**

Jagdeep Kumar

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil Kshetarpal.

Present: Mr. Roopak Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Vikas Arora, Assistant Advocate General,
Punjab.

Anil Kshetarpal, J.

1. After having heard the learned counsel representing the parties, this writ petition can, conveniently, be disposed of on the first date of hearing.
2. Succinctly, the grievance of the petitioner is that he has been wrongly reverted from the post of Clerk to that of Mali-cum-Chowkidar without granting him any opportunity of hearing.
3. The learned State counsel submits that in fact, the petitioner was wrongly promoted without considering the claim of his juniors, hence, no hearing was required.
4. Once the official is sought to be reverted, following the principles of natural justice is the minimum requirement.
5. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the order dated 20.03.2023

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the respondents to pass a fresh order after granting an effective opportunity to the petitioner within a period of the next 15 days. The petitioner is directed to appear before the Financial Commissioner, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, on 02.04.2023 at 10.00A.M. for the hearing. The petitioner shall be entitled to file his representation in support of his claim.

6. With the observations made above, the present writ petition is disposed of.

(Anil Kshetarpal)
Judge

March 27, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No