

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

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**CWP-25371 of 2014 (O&M)
Date of decision: 24.01.2023**

Sanjeev Kumar

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S.Pandher, DAG, Punjab

Mr. Lekh Raj Sharma, Advocate
for respondent no.5.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

1. This writ petition was filed to seek quashing of the promotion order of respondent no.5, dated 13.10.2014.
2. The learned counsel representing the petitioner admits that respondent no.5, on attaining the age of superannuation, has retired. Faced with the aforesaid situation, the learned counsel representing the petitioner submits that a detailed inquiry was held by the Enquiry Officer on 02.07.2015 regarding the missing of original file No.22/32/X/92-98/E-I from the office, that contained information concerning the handing over the possession of Kothi No.560, Sector 18, Chandigarh, under the possession of Controller of Stores, Punjab.
3. The writ petition came up for hearing on 23.01.2023 and the following order was passed:-

“While drawing the attention of the Court to report dated 02.07.2015, the learned counsel representing the petitioner submits that no step in furtherance to the enquiry report has been taken by the concerned officers for the last 7½ years.

*Sh. R.S.Pandher, Deputy Advocate General,
Punjab, prays for some time to get the complete
instructions before assisting the Court.*

Adjourned to 24.01.2023.

To be listed in the urgent list.”

4. The learned counsel representing the State of Punjab submits that the departmental officials are not responding to his communications/messages.

5. It would not be appropriate to keep the writ petition pending particularly, when respondent no.5 has already retired from service.

6. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the writ petition is disposed of while directing the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Industries and Commerce, to look into the enquiry report and take appropriate action, if required, within a period of one month, from today, positively.

7. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

January 24, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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