

[Neutral Citation No.2023:PHHC:066931]

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

**COCp-2806-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 09.05.2023**

Charandeep Singh Sandhu

...Petitioner

Versus

Rajjit Singh and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. D. S. Randhawa, Advocate
for the applicant-petitioner.

Mr. Ajit Singh Natt, AAG, Punjab with
Ms. Madhavi Kalyan, Inspector,
Head Office Vigilance, Punjab.

Mr. Parminder Singh-I, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

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Allowed as prayed for.

Documents are taken on record as Annexures P-8 to P-10.

Main Case

Learned State counsel has placed on record a copy of communication dated 17.04.2023, addressed to the Principal Secretary, Govt. of Punjab, Department of Power, Chandigarh by the Spl. DGP-cum-Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, to submit that on verification of the complaint, in compliance with the order dated 04.10.2019 passed in CRM-M-25800-2019, it is decided to investigate the matter further after registration of a case under Section 13(1)(a) read with 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of

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Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 as well as under Section 120-B IPC against Parwinder Singh, Deputy Chief Engineer (Retd.), PSPCL, Jalandhar along with 15 other officers/officials of PSPCL to probe the issue of excess payment by them to the contractors and their complicity with them.

Learned State counsel further submits that now the case is pending approval under Section 17-A of the PC Act with the State government and the needful will be done in due course.

In view of the above, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that this petition may be rendered infructuous at this stage with a direction to competent authority to pass appropriate order under Section 17-A of the PC Act in a time bound manner.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to competent authority to decide the grant of mandatory approval under Section 17-A of the PC Act, on or before 01.08.2023.

Rule stands discharged.

The petitioner is granted liberty to avail the alternative remedy in accordance with law. The petitioner may also revive this petition by moving an appropriate application, if so required.

09.05.2023
Waseem Ansari

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No