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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-281-2024

Date of Decision: 09.01.2024

Kulwant Singh

.... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA

Present: Mr. S.K. Sandhir, Advocate for the petitioner.

SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner has come before this Court praying for directing the respondents to complete/decide the inquiry in complaint dated 28.04.2022 within a period of 30 days, as he is due to retire in November, 2025.
2. I have considered the submissions and perused the complaint filed against the petitioner. This Court finds that there are allegations of embezzlement against the petitioner in relation to laying down of sewerage pipes as Assistant Engineer. It is alleged that the petitioner neither gave the estimate of this pipeline nor level has been done, and resultantly the pipes have been laid down on the ground where no water is being discharged and they are of no use. The grants and panchayat fund amount has been siphoned off as alleged in the complaint. It appears that the sarpanch and the Panchayat Secretary are also fully involved.
3. Considering the seriousness of the charges levelled, this Court finds that the inquiry directed to be conducted by the department would not

result in proper investigation, and they are sitting over the said complaint for more than one month. It is therefore directed that the Vigilance Department of the State Government shall conduct a detailed inquiry, and if it is found that there is embezzlement and involvement of officers, they shall take immediate action.

4. Writ Petition stands disposed of as above.

(SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA)
JUDGE

January 09, 2024
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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable? | Yes/No |