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

(111)

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Date of Decision : July 02, 2024

Dr. Nirmal Pandhi**.. Petitioner****Versus****Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar and others .. Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. M.K. Dogra, Advocate, for the respondents.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. In the present writ petition, the challenge is to the order dated 20.05.2024 (Annexure P-20) by which, the petitioner has been directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,19,202/- as recovery on account of some alleged misappropriation.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that without giving any opportunity to defend, the petitioner has been burdened with the liability hence, the order dated 20.05.2024 (Annexure P-20) has been passed without following the due process and violates the principles of natural justice.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. M.K. Dogra, Advocate, who is present in the Court, accepts

notice on behalf of the respondents.

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5. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that though the wording of the impugned letter is innocuous but, letter dated 20.05.2024 (Annexure P-20) is only a show cause notice calling for reply of the petitioner and not an order imposing liability of recovery. Learned counsel for the respondents further submits that in pursuance to the letter dated 20.05.2024 (Annexure P-20), a legal notice was also received on 27.05.2024 on behalf of the petitioner demanding certain documents and within a period of two weeks from today, all the documents being demanded will be handed over to the petitioner and in case the petitioner submits any reply to the show cause notice dated 20.05.2024 (Annexure P-20), the same will be considered on merits and an appropriate order will be passed thereon and no action will be taken on the basis of order dated 20.05.2024 (Annexure P-20) till the final order is passed.

6. Keeping in view the statement of learned counsel for the respondents, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that liberty be given to the petitioner that in case, any order causing prejudice to the petitioner is passed, the petitioner can avail appropriate remedy for the redressal of her grievance and the present writ petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further.

7. Ordered accordingly.

July 02, 2024*harsha***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)****JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No