

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-4799-2017 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.02.2024

Court on its own Motion

...Petitioner

VERSUS

Baldev Sahai Garg, Contractor and others.

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Rohan Markanda, Advocate for respondent No.1.

Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG Punjab.

Mr. U.M. Khan, Advocate for
Mr. Anupam Singla, Advocate for respondent No.8.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The matter has been listed before this Court in view of the observations made by the Building Committee in its proceedings dated 14.02.2017.
2. Power of attorney on behalf of respondent No.1 has been filed today in the Court and the same is taken on record.
3. Pursuant to the order dated 12.12.2023 passed by this Court, Mr. Priyank Bharti, IAS, Secretary, PWD (B&R), Punjab is present in the Court. A short affidavit dated 26.02.2024 of the Under Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Public Works (B&R) has been filed today in the Court and the same is taken on record.

4. As per the above said short affidavit, the respondent-authorities had taken a decision to impose major penalty on the delinquent officers/officials on 09.10.2023 and had sent a communication to the Punjab Public Service Commission for seeking a necessary approval. The same was received back vide letter dated 12.02.2024 and the punishment orders against 03 out of 04 delinquent officials have been issued, as 01 of them is stated to have died.

5. However, this Court expresses its displeasure at the undue delay caused by the respondent-authorities and action having been taken only after this Court sought for personal appearance of the respondents. The matter remained pending before this Court only for ensuring the guilt of delinquent officers/officials for a period of nearly 07 years and it was only after the personal appearance called for, the action is taken by the respondent-authorities.

6. In view of the above, no further orders are required to be passed in the present petition since the action has been taken.

7. The present petition is accordingly disposed of.

8. All other civil misc. applications, if any, stands disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

27.02.2024

Mangal Singh

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