

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

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CWP-21893-2022
Date of Decision : 24.05.2024

SOHAN LAL AND ANOTHER ... PETITIONERS

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ... RESPONDENTS

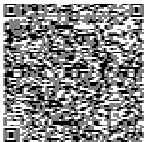
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: None for the petitioners.
Mr.S.S.Aulakh, AAG, Punjab.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. On 22.09.2022, the following order was passed :

“Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners herein would contend that on the basis of an FIR No.12 that has been registered against the petitioners on 11.12.2015, the petitioners are now facing departmental proceedings arising out of the same issue. It is contended that in case the departmental proceedings are allowed to continue, the petitioners would be put to great prejudice in the criminal trial. He places reliance upon Capt. M. Paul Anthony Versus Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., 1999 AIR (SC) 1416 and State Bank of India and others Versus Neelam Nag and another, 2016(9) SCC 491, to support his contention.



Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Deepali Puri, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and seeks time to file reply.

Adjourned to 08.02.2023.

In the meantime, the department is permitted to carry on with the inquiry proceedings without recording the evidence of common witnesses as cited in the criminal trial.”

2. Mr.S.S.Aulakh, AAG, Punjab, at the outset, submits that criminal proceedings have concluded, thus, the present petition has rendered infructuous.

3. In view of above, the present petition is disposed of as infructuous.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>