



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-21108-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 29.08.2024

Meena Johar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Karanvir Hooda, Advocate for the petitioner

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed for directing the respondents to treat the period the petitioner remained under suspension as regular/duty period for all intents and purposes.
2. Learned counsel would contend that the petitioner after being acquitted of the charges in FIR No.35 dated 22.01.2012, was granted reinstatement and the period, she was placed under suspension, was to be treated as spent on duty in the light of the judgment in **Tarsem Lal Verma vs. Oriental Bank of Commerce**¹. In this regard, a legal notice dated 18.07.2023, Annexure P-7, has been served upon respondents, but the same has yet not evoked any response. He thus, at this stage, on instructions from the petitioner prays that a direction is given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner.
3. Notice of motion.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Harish Nain, AAG Haryana accepts

¹ 2012 (4) SCT 112.



notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has no objection to the limited prayer made.

5. In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 18.07.2023, taking note of the afore-referred judgment, within a period of 4 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to her and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to her interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

29.08.2024
M.Kamra

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