

2024.PHHC:066970-DB



Neutral Citation No.

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

(105)

**CWP-PIL-88-2023
Decided on : 14.05.2024**

Lok Bhalai Insaaf Welfare Society (Regd.)

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab & others

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA,
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI**

Present: None for the petitioner(s).

Mr.Saurav Khurana, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

G.S. Sandhawalia, Acting Chief Justice (Oral)

1. Prayer in the present writ petition by way of Public Interest Litigation, filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of direction to the respondents to decide the representation dated 28.08.2023 (Annexure P-2), addressed to the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar and take necessary action against respondent No.5-police official.

2. Apparently, the said respondent, while in uniform, had conducted himself in a manner which was not appropriate and was hurting the religious sentiments and on 26.02.2024, the State was asked to file the status report.

3. Status report by way of affidavit dated 22.04.2024 has been filed by Shri Surinder Singh, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Central Amritsar City, on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4. In the said affidavit, it has been mentioned that the video of the said respondent has been examined, legal

opinion was sought and the report was forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar. The enquiry report dated 12.10.2023 had also been accepted and recommendation had been made for censure by way of punishment to respondent No.5 and notice had thus been issued. On account of the admission made regarding the conduct for which permission had not been taken, regular departmental enquiry has already been initiated against respondent No.5 on 05.04.2024 (Annexure R-3/T).

4. Accordingly, in view of the above, since the higher officials have initiated the proceedings on the departmental side keeping in view what had been brought to their notice, we do not feel appropriate to proceed further with the present issue since the basic purpose of the Public Interest Litigation which has been achieved in as much as the representation dated 28.08.2023 (Annexure P-2) has been acted upon.

5. Resultantly, the present writ petition stands disposed of. Needless to say that we have not commented upon the merits of the case or the gravity of the misconduct, in any manner.

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

14.05.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No