

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

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2024:PHHC:022105
CWP-36847-2019 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 15.02.2024.

SATNAM SINGH ..Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS .. Respondent(s)

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

PRESENT None for the petitioner.

Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present writ petition is for seeking directions to the respondent No.2 to take immediate action against respondents No.5 to 15 by holding departmental inquiry against them alleging that there is embezzlement in the distribution of ration cards.

Short reply by way of affidavit of Anindita Mitra, Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, has been filed wherein it has been averred that FIR No.175 dated 29.10.2019, was registered at Police Station City Fazilka, under Sections 420, 465, 466, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, Sections 7, 8 and 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and under Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. It is also averred that an inquiry was conducted by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development)-cum-District Grievance Redressal Officer, Fazilka and that departmental action has also been initiated against respondents No.5 to 15 vide letter No.365/ADC (D) dated 09.07.2019. The charge-sheet and show cause notices have also been ordered to be issued. A reference is also made to the proceedings that stand initiated against the concerned officials.

There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner. The position has remained so on the last three dates successively.

No one has chosen to appear on behalf of the petitioner today as well.

It seems that the petitioner is no more interested in pursuing the present writ petition.

Dismissed for non-prosecution.

February 15, 2024.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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