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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-34097-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 17.12.2024

Gurmeet Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Allahabad Bank Now Indian Bank and Another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

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Present : Mr. Ankit Joshi and Mr. Rajinder Singh, Advocates for the petitioner

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AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to take back the petitioner in service considering the fact that he remained absent from the duty due to his mental ill-health.

2. Learned counsel would contend that the petitioner was working as a part-time sweeper since 2013 and having suffered severe depression, regarding which medical record is appended as Annexure P-4, was unable to join the duties. However, after coming out of the said illness, he approached the Bank and was not allowed by stating that his services have been terminated and no such speaking/termination order was passed. In this regard, a legal notice, Annexure P-6, 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, Ms. Vibha Tewari, AAG Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has no objection to the limited prayer

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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, Annexure P-6, within a period of 3 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 him and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to his interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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

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