



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

CWP-3010-2025

Date of Decision : **27.11.2025**

GURJEET SINGH

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Ankit Midha, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(Oral)

1. Through the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a challenge is thrown to the charge-sheet issued against the petitioner vide memo dated 16.07.2024 (Annexure P-2), and the order dated 20.01.2025 (Annexure P-4), vide which inquiry officer has been appointed. The said charge-sheet allegedly having been issued after the retirement of the petitioner for an event which had taken place more than four years before the initiation of the disciplinary proceedings.

2. A co-ordinate bench of this Court vide order dated 04.04.2025, had passed the hereinafter extracted order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner retired from service on 31.03.2020 and he has been issued a charge-sheet on 16.07.2024 (Annexure P-2) and that too for an event qua registration of an FIR No.161 by the petitioner on 26.12.2019 hence, the petitioner furthers that the

charge-sheet dated 16.07.2024 is beyond the jurisdiction of the respondents keeping in view the Rule 2.2 (b) of the Punjab civil Service Rules Volume-II.

Notice of motion.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, learned Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that the petitioner while performing his duties assigned to him had registered an FIR against the violators qua extraction of mine and minerals but after his retirement, neither did he support the Department nor his own allegations, which were the prima facie basis on which the FIR was registered, he rather turned hostile which led to the acquittal of the violators, hence, the date qua the allegation is to be seen when the petitioner turned hostile despite registering an FIR, which date is within a period of four years of the issue of the charge-sheet and the Department will like to file reply to convince this Court that the charge-sheet issued to the petitioner is within the jurisdiction of the respondent-State.

Adjourned to 06.05.2025.

Let the reply be filed by the next date of hearing. The proceedings may go on but final order be not passed without the permission of the Court. ”

3. Today, learned State counsel has placed on record an order dated 27.11.2025 taken by the competent authority, whereby, charge-sheet (*supra*), issued against the petitioner has been ordered to be dropped. The vernacular copy of the said order as well as the translated copy thereof, is taken on record as Mark 'A'.

4. In view of the above, no further order is required to be passed. The instant petition is ordered be **closed**.

5. **Disposed of** accordingly.

November 27, 2025
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No