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

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CWP-19572-2025
Date of Decision: 15.07.2025

ANAND KUMAR

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Rao Ajender Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Seeking quashing of order dated 16.08.2024, whereby the petitioner was suspended for a period of two months, the instant writ petition has been filed.

A further prayer has been made for seeking directions to the respondents No.1 to 3 to stop departmental inquiry proceedings initiated against the petitioner on 16.08.2024.

The argument raised by the petitioner is to the effect that he had not appended his signatures on the bill vouchers that had been sent for payment. He contends that his signatures had been forged by writing 'Abhey Singh' in Hindi whereas petitioner always appends his signatures in English.

I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and have gone through the documents and other material available on record with his able assistance.

The arguments being advanced by the counsel for the petitioner is a plea of defence which is yet to be established in the ongoing departmental proceedings, which are pending since 16.08.2024. The petitioner would have all rights and opportunity to take all pleas and establish his defence including that the signatures appended alongwith the bill vouchers had not been put by him and also that respondent No.4 – Abhey Singh Yadav had infact forged his signature for clearance of the said bills. Drawing of any conclusion at this stage would be pre-empting the inquiry proceedings.

For the foregoing reasons, the instant writ petition is hereby dismissed being premature and involving disputed questions of fact at this stage. The petitioner shall however be at liberty to take all pleas before the disciplinary authority to prove his defence.

At this juncture, counsel for the petitioner contends that even the subsistence allowance is not being paid to the petitioner, to which he is entitled to as per the statutory provisions.

In this regard, a direction is hereby issued to the Divisional Forest Officer, Rewari to ensure that the admissible subsistence allowance is released forthwith to the petitioner, as per the Rules, and in any case before 15.08.2025.

JULY 15, 2025.

Rajender

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No