



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-35068-2024
Date of decision: 23.01.2025

SURESH KUMARPetitioner
VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERSRespondents

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

Present: - Mr. G.P.S. Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court for seeking directions to the respondents to reinstate the service of the petitioner.

2. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner had been working with the respondent-Punjab & Sind Bank on various posts at different branches. He contends that certain show cause notices were issued to the petitioner on 28.03.2023 and 13.06.2023 with respect to allegations of embezzlement during the period between 30.08.2018 to 09.02.2023 pertaining to transactions of an amount of Rs. 38,21,793/-. An FIR was also got registered at Faridkot on the statement of the Zonal Manager, Administration at Police Station Sadar Moga, for offences under Section 409, 468, 467 and 471 of the IPC. He contends that the petitioner had been suspended during the initiation of the enquiry, vide

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order dated 10.02.2023 and that he has continued to be under suspension since then despite having been granted regular bail by the High Court on 05.09.2024. It is submitted that after being released on bail, the petitioner moved an application for reinstatement as the disciplinary proceedings have not yet been finalized and the superannuation of the petitioner is due in the year 2026. Learned Counsel contends that despite the submission of the representation on 11.09.2024, no decision has been taken thereupon. He contends that he would be satisfied at this juncture, in case respondent No.3 i.e. Zonal Manager, Punjab & Sind Bank, District Faridkot, Punjab is directed to take an appropriate decision on the representation dated 11.09.2024 (Annexure P-7) in a time bound manner.

3. In view of the order which this Court proposes to pass, issuance of formal notice would not be necessary at this juncture. Considering the fact that the prayer made by the petitioner is innocuous, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 i.e. Zonal Manager, Punjab & Sind Bank, District Faridkot, Punjab to consider and decide the representation dated 11.09.2024 (Annexure P-7) in a time bound manner and pass a reasoned and speaking order thereupon in accordance with law preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

JANUARY 23, 2025*Vishal Sharma*

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