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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-34691-2024

Date of Decision : 19-12-2024

SONIA MALHOTRA ALIAS SONIA KAMBOJ

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. R.K Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Shruti, AAG Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the only grievance of the petitioner is that the petitioner is being given opportunity of personal hearing by the Director, Public Instructions whereas the competent authority to take action keeping in view the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the petitioner is the District Education Officer (Elementary), Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the said authority can pass an appropriate order and not the Director, Public Instructions, as his right to appeal will be taken away.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Shruti, AAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and submits that the notice which has been issued by the

Director, be treated having been issued by the District Education Officer (Elementary), Patiala and the petitioner should appear before the said authority so that the disciplinary proceedings pending against the petitioner could be finalised.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he has not been given the complete inquiry report.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that in case, any representation is received at the hands of the petitioner requesting the complete inquiry report, the same, if not, already given to him, will be provided and after affording due opportunity of hearing an appropriate speaking order will be passed qua the disciplinary proceedings keeping in mind the objection which the petitioner has raised qua the inquiry report.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the statement of the respondent-State, the present petition may kindly be disposed of as having been not pressed any further.

Ordered accordingly.

19-12-2024
Sapna Goyal

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking: YES/NO
 Whether reportable: YES/NO