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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-6326-2026

Date of decision: 30.03.2026

Harbant Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**Present:** Mr. H.P.S. Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Paramvir Singh Rai, Advocate
for respondents No.1 to 4.**HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)**

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing of impugned inquiry report dated 24.12.2021 (Annexure P-2) as the same is violative of Memo No.6039 of 7412 dated 19.05.2011 (Annexure P-5) as well as punishment order dated 28.04.2022 (Annexure P-3) and impugned order dated 29.08.2024 (Annexure P-4).

2. On 27.02.2026, the following order was passed:-

“Mr. Paramvir Singh Rai, Advocate, appearing on advance notice, has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents and files the Power of Attorney, which is taken on record. The Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place.

Learned counsel for the respondents/Corporation submits that he does not have complete instructions in the matter and seeks an adjournment.

This Court observes that despite service in advance, the respondents/Corporation have failed to obtain proper instructions, resulting in avoidable wastage of precious judicial time.



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Nevertheless, in the interest of justice, adjournment is granted. Learned counsel for respondents/Corporation is directed to have complete instructions in the matter as to whether the comments of the Sub-Divisional Officers were provided to the petitioner before passing the order of punishment (Annexure P-3) so as to enable him to effectively raise his defence on the basis of such comments. Adjourned to 12.03.2026.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Sh. Varinder Deepak, Additional Superintending Engineer, DS Division Sangrur, submits that the impugned punishment order dated 28.04.2022 (Annexure P-3) has been withdrawn and that the departmental proceedings would be initiated *de novo* and would be decided after following the prescribed procedure.

4. In view of the specific stand taken by the learned State counsel, the present petition is disposed of and the impugned order dated 29.08.2024 (Annexure P-4) is hereby set aside. The respondent(s) would be at liberty to start disciplinary proceedings *de novo* and decide the same strictly in accordance with the procedure prescribed as well as the judgment rendered by the Hon'ble Apex Court in ***S.P. Malhotra Vs. Punjab National Bank and others 2013 (4) SCT 135.***

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

30.03.2026

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