

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

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LPA-1325-2026

DATE OF DECISION: 07.05.2026

ASHOK MAGGU**... Appellant****VERSUS****THE LOKAYUKTA HARYANA,
AND OTHERS****... Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present: Mr. Nonish Kumar, Advocate for the appellant.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

In the present appeal, the challenge is to the order dated 20.04.2026 passed by the learned Single Judge in CWP-11691-2026 by which, the writ petition filed by the petitioner that there should be a detailed inquiry against the erring police officials, who had registered the FIR of the alleged offence of corruption which was ultimately quashed by the Court and the action should be taken by the Haryana Police, has not been accepted.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the Lokayukta was required to hold an inquiry and thereafter, decide whether or not the plea raised before the Lokayukta for proceeding against the erring police officials was made out or not. Hence, in the absence of any detailed and fair inquiry conducted, the complaint filed by the appellant could not have been dismissed which fact has not been appreciated by the learned Single Judge while passing the order dated 20.04.2026, hence, the appropriate direction needs to be issued to the Lokayukta to



proceed further with the complaint to hold a fair and detailed inquiry.

3. We have heard learned counsel for the appellant and have gone through the record with his able assistance.

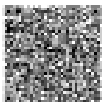
4. The findings which have been recorded by the learned Single Judge in Paragraph 6 are as under:-

“6. From the perusal of the record, it is evident that at the behest of the petitioner, an inquiry was conducted. The police officials were not found guilty. The allegation of corruption could not be proved. The Lokayukta has examined the matter and closed the complaint. In view of the specific findings of the Inquiry Officer as well as order of Lokayukta, there seems no reason to interfere in exercise of writ jurisdiction of this Court.”

5. A bare perusal of the finding recorded by the learned Single Judge is that at the behest of the appellant an inquiry was conducted by the Lokayukta wherein the police officials were not found guilty of any acts of corruption. Hence, the argument raised at the hands of the appellant that no inquiry was conducted before deciding the prayer, is contrary to the finding recorded by the learned Single Judge. Further, nothing has been shown to prove that the said finding of learned Single Judge is incorrect. In the absence of any such rebuttal brought before this Court in the present appeal, even the arguments raised that without inquiring upon the allegations, an order has been passed, is factually incorrect and the said argument cannot be accepted.

6. Further, once the Lokayukta has satisfied itself with regard to the conduct of the police officials after holding an inquiry, no right exists with the complainant to further seek direction for further inquiry.

7. Keeping in view the totality of the circumstance, as the finding



recorded by the learned Single Judge has not been proved to be perverse either on facts or on law, no ground is made out for any interference by this Court in the present appeal.

8. The present appeal stands dismissed.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No