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

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Date of decision : February 02, 2026

Santokh Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. Mohinder Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Dr. (Ms.) Savi Nagpal, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for issuance of directions to the respondent Nos. 5 and 6 to conclude the Vigilance enquiry into the Complaint dated 16.07.2015 (Annexure -P-20 to P-22) submitted by the petitioner, which is stated to be pending before the aforesaid respondents since 2015.

2. Pursuant to the interim orders passed by this Court, reply by way of an affidavit of Bhagwant Rai Kalia, Under Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government, Chandigarh on behalf of respondent Nos. 5 & 6 has been filed, which is taken on record.

3. It has been averred in the aforesaid reply that enquiry was conducted into the aforesaid matter and no evidence of tampering was found and no financial loss has been caused to the Department.

4. On the basis of the aforesaid concluded enquiry, the Chief Vigilance Officer submitted his report on 30.11.2015 recommending that the complaint be consigned.
5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the requisite approval of the Government is still pending and in this regard, invited the attention of this Court to page 67 of the paper book.
6. I have perused the said page of the paper book and it is evident that the matter is still pending for Government approval. However, a reply by way of an affidavit has been filed for and on behalf of the Government in the present case, hence, in such circumstances it has to be presumed that the vigilance enquiry has been accorded approval by the Government and has attained finality.
7. In view of the above, since the vigilance enquiry already stands concluded and the limited prayer in the present petition was only to the extent that the respondents be directed to conclude the investigation, hence no cause of action survives for consideration by this Court.
8. In view of the above, the instant petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous at this stage.

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

February 02, 2026
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**Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable :**

**Yes/No
Yes/No**