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**140 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CWP-13939-2025****Date of Decision: 15.05.2025****RANDIP SINGH**

..... Petitioner

*Versus***STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS**

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present : Mr.Ojas Bansal, Advocate with
Mr. Sanjiv Kumar Aggarwal, Advocate,
Mr. Nissim Aggarwal, Advocate and
Mr. Tejas Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. AG, Haryana.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting aside:

(i) Order dated 18.05.2022 (Annexure P-8) whereby his revision was dismissed and appellate order dated 22.09.2020 was upheld.

(ii) Show cause notice dated 28.03.2025 whereby he has been called upon to show cause as to why his Annual Confidential Report (for short 'ACR') should be not down graded for the period from 01.04.2019 to 17.02.2020.

2. By order dated 21.01.2020, respondent No.4-Superintendent of Police, Panipat awarded to petitioner punishment of stoppage of one annual increment with permanent effect. He preferred appeal before Inspector General of Police, Karnal who vide order dated 25.08.2020 rejected his appeal. He preferred revision before DGP who reduced the punishment from stoppage of one future annual increment with



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permanent effect to stoppage of one future annual increment with temporary effect.

3. The DGP passed order dated 18.05.2022 whereby punishment was modified. The petitioner was awarded punishment on the ground that during inquiry, he was found guilty of harassment and accepting bribe alongwith another person. A period of three years has passed away from the date of passing Revisionary order.

4. On being confronted with aforesaid fact, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he does not press his prayer qua order dated 18.05.2022. He further submits that notice dated 28.03.2025 is hopelessly barred by limitation. The period in question is from April' 2019 to February' 2020. The respondent cannot downgrade his ACR after 5 years.

5. Learned State counsel submits that petitioner has remedy to file reply to show cause notice.

6. The petition stands disposed of with liberty to petitioner to raise question of limitation before Superintendent of Police, Panipat who while passing final order shall consider question of reasonable period of limitation if no limitation period has been prescribed in Punjab Police Rules, 1934 (as applicable to State of Haryana) or Civil Service Rules.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

15.05.2025

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