



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

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CWP-16629-2025

Date of decision: 29.05.2025

Jagdeep Singh Sidhu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Vikas Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Satnam Preet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner was placed under suspension on 09.10.2020, whereafter a charge-sheet dated 05.01.2021 was also issued to him. After the receipt of copy of the enquiry report, he has submitted a reply to the show cause notice, however no decision thereon has been taken. The vigilance department has submitted the report on 06.03.2025, wherein he has not found to be guilty. In this regard, a legal notice dated 01.05.2025, Annexure P-9, has been served upon the respondents, which has yet not evoked any response. He, on instructions, prays that a direction may be given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner, to which learned State counsel has no objection.

2. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 01.05.2025, Annexure P-9, within a period of 4 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to him and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to his interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

**(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE**

29.05.2025

Hemant

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