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

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**CWP-6325-2025 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 08.04.2025.**

DR. SURINDER KUMAR KALIA

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondent(s)

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

Present: Mr. Hitesh Chopra, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Challenging the order dated 01.11.2022 (Annexure P-1) passed by respondent No.3-Secretary, General Administrative Department, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh, whereby recovery of Rs.4,79,513/- as penal rent on account of overstay in the Quarter allotted to the petitioner has been ordered, the petitioner has filed the instant petition.

2 Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner does not dispute that against the aforesaid order a representation has already been submitted which is pending consideration before the Secretary, General Administrative Department, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh, however, no final decision is being taken thereupon. Counsel submits that at this juncture the petitioner

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would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to the respondent authorities to take a decision on the pending representation submitted by the petitioner with respect to conversion of penal rent into normal rent.

3 Notice of motion.

4 Mr. Balwinder Singh, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and submits that he has no objection to the aforesaid prayer being granted.

5 Accordingly, with the consent of the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent-State of Punjab to take a decision with respect to the pending reference as regards determination of the penal rent admissible against the petitioner who has since then retired from service within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

April 08, 2025.

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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No