

WP(C) 3763/2014

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.K. SHARMA

By means of this writ petition, the petitioner, who has already retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.12.2009 has prayed for a direction to the respondents to dispose of the departmental proceeding, which arose out of the show cause notice dated 8.6.2010 followed by another show cause notice dated 21.6.2013. According to the petitioner, on conclusion of the enquiry, the Enquiry Officer has submitted the Annexure-4 report dated 21.6.2013. The copy of the enquiry report was also furnished to the petitioner enabling him to make representation and accordingly he submitted his reply on 2.7.2013 (Annexure-5). However, the proceeding having not been disposed of, the petitioner has filed the instant writ petition.

Since the petitioner has already retired from service and even otherwise also a departmental proceeding should not be kept pending for indefinite period, upon hearing Mr. G.N. Sahewalla, learned Sr. Counsel for the petitioner and Ms. K.K. Choudhury, learned State Counsel and so also Mr. S. Samaria, learned Standing Counsel, Agriculture Department, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to finalise the departmental proceedings which were initiated against the petitioner as expeditiously as possible, preferably within 15.10.2014.