

Service Matter

Employment - Appointment - Suppression of relevant information - In respect of the particular column in the verification roll, it was submitted, he had neither mentioned 'Yes' nor mentioned 'No' as regards the criminal case - A criminal case was pending against the respondent and the facts were altogether omitted from being mentioned - A non-disclosure of material information itself could be a ground for cancellation of employment or termination of services - In the given set of facts, where suppression of relevant information is not a matter of dispute, there cannot be any legal basis for the Court to interfere in the manner that the employer be directed to impose 'any lesser punishment', as directed by the Division Bench of the High Court - Termination order upheld.

Held, We have also taken note of the fact that the decision of the so-called honourable acquittal was rendered by the Trial Court as late as on 01.05.2008. This leads to the position that the respondent, who entered the employment in CRPF in the year 2003 without disclosing the fact of pendency of criminal case against him, had continued to remain as a pending-trial accused person without the knowledge of the department, until the facts were noticed and he was subjected to departmental proceedings.

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