

**HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND AT NAINITAL****Writ Petition Service Single No. 2266 of 2026****02 September, 2026**

Hem Chandra Kandpal

--Petitioner

Versus

Uttarakhand Cooperative Societies & others

--Respondents

Presence:-

Mr. Reituparna Joshi and Mr. Ish Mohan Bhatt, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Mr. S.S. Chaudhary, learned Standing Counsel for the State.
-----**Hon'ble Pankaj Purohit, J.**

Petitioner has challenged the order dated 23.07.2026, snnexure-17 to the writ petition, passed by respondent nos.5 & 6, whereby the petitioner was placed under suspension in contemplation of an inquiry against him.

2. It is alleged against the petitioner that the petitioner did not deposit a sum of Rs.8,43,510/- of the Society's money in District Cooperative Bank, Branch Bazpur and further, the petitioner has given an increment to him in the month of May, 2025 and could not show any recommendation made by the department in that regard. It is also alleged that the petitioner has not taken any departmental recommendation in respect of an amount of Rs.30,000/- and Rs.70,000/- on 12.01.2026 & 18.03.2026, respectively, and on these basis, it was found that petitioner committed financial irregularities and indiscipline. Consequently, he was placed under suspension.



3. From bare perusal of the order, it transpires that the allegations levelled against the petitioner in the suspension order appear to be sufficient enough to attract a major penalty in the case. Therefore, in view of the seriousness and gravity of the allegations levelled/imputed against the petitioner, this Court finds that there is no illegality in the impugned order of suspension. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed *in-limine*. However, the respondents are directed to conclude the disciplinary inquiry against the petitioner within a period of three months from the date of production of a certified copy of this order, after giving full opportunity of hearing to the petitioner in accordance with the rules and regulations applicable to him.

4. Pending application, if any, stands disposed of accordingly.

(Pankaj Purohit, J.)
02.09.2026

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