

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
AT JODHPUR**

D.B. Special Appeal Writ No. 708/2026
CNR: RJHC010541242026
URN: SAW / 1318U / 2026

Ashok Kumar Meena

----Appellant

Versus

The State Of Rajasthan

----Respondent

For Appellant(s)	:	Mr. Awar Dan Ujjwal
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. N.S. Rajpurohit, AAG Ms. Aditi Sharma

**HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEET PUROHIT**

Order

17/07/2026

1. Issue notice, returnable within four weeks.
2. By way of present appeal, the appellant lays challenge to order dated 07.04.2026 passed by the learned Single Judge, whereby the order of punishment passed against appellant by the Disciplinary Authority of withholding one annual grade increment without cumulative effect has been affirmed. However, we find that the punishment awarded to petitioner is not severe enough in comparison to the gravity of the charges of gross negligence levelled against him.
3. A perusal of the record reveals that a complaint was lodged by one Kanhaiya Lal alleging that certain individuals had conducted recce of his shop and that members of the Muslim Community were conspiring to murder him; however, appellant failed to take corrective measures even though he was posted as

the Additional SP. It is also alleged that appellant approved the compromise said to have been arrived between the parties at the police station and which is stated to have been conveyed to him via WhatsApp.

4. It is also informed that the concerned SHO has also been exonerated in this case, although *prima facie* it is clear that cognizable offences were disclosed for which investigation should have been conducted.

5. We are also aware of the fact that subsequently, said complainant – Kanhaiya Lal was murdered brutally.

6. The lenient approach adopted by the police department in dealing with such delinquent police officials cannot be condoned, neither does this Court approve of the same.

7. We, therefore, direct Additional Advocate General to accept notice and to show-cause as to why the punishment should not be enhanced and action should not be taken against concerned disciplinary authority for taking such lenient measures.

(SANJEET PUROHIT),J

(SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA),ACJ