

## **Topic: Removal Of A Sub-Judge**

Name of the case: Baldev Raj v. Punjab and Haryana High Court, AIR 1976 SC 2490

Bench: Justice P.K. Goswami, Justice Y.V. Chandrachud and Justice P.N. Singhal

Fact of the case: The High Court after enquiry recommended removal of a sub-judge. The Government referred the matter to State Public Service Commission for advice and, on its advice, the sub-judge was reinstated.

Judgment: The Supreme Court quashed the said order and observed that the sole and exclusive disciplinary control over subordinate judiciary is vested in the High Court and its recommendation is binding on the government. The government does not have to consult any other body except the High Court in this area, not even the Public Service Commission.