

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

**Civil Writ Petition No.19329 of 2016  
Date of Decision: 20.09.2016**

Kulwant Singh

..... Petitioner

*Versus*

The Punjab State Warehousing Corporation and another

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH**

Present: Mr. Aditya Grover, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner, while working as Godown Assistant Incharge with the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, was charge-sheeted vide memo dated 19.12.2013 (**Annexure P-9**) relating to causing loss on account of damage to the wheat stocks and shortage during the upgradation of wheat stocks. The Punishing Authority, vide order dated 03.03.2015 (**Annexure P-12**) has ordered a recovery of a sum of ₹ 7,68,112.50 pursuant to the charge-sheet. The petitioner is stated to have filed a statutory appeal dated 12.05.2015 (**Annexure P-13**) before the Appellate Authority.

Although the prayer is for quashing of the order dated 03.03.2015 (**P-12**), however, an alternative prayer has been made for issuance of a direction to the Appellate Authority to decide the statutory appeal (**P-13**) within time frame.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner, at the time of arguments, has restricted his prayer for the aforesaid alternative prayer.

Keeping in view the limited prayer of learned Counsel for the petitioner, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the Appellate Authority (respondent No.2) to decide the statutory appeal dated 12.05.2015 (P-13) within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Disposed of accordingly.

September 20, 2016

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(JASWANT SINGH)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes |
| Whether Reportable        | No  |