

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 23080 of 2016
Date of Decision: 8.11.2016**

Harbhajan Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present : Mr. M.L. Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK J. (ORAL)

Feeling aggrieved against the alleged inaction on the part of respondent authorities, petitioner has approached this Court, by way of instant writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that statutory appeal of the petitioner by way of Annexure P-4, is pending consideration before respondent No.3 for the last about 10 months and the same is not being decided without there being any justified reasons. Petitioner is suffering hard because of the pendency of the appeal. He further submits that the petitioner will be satisfied in case respondent No. 3 is directed to consider and decide his appeal, within a reasonable time.

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Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, lest it should prejudice the rights of either of the parties, present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (E)-cum-Astt. Collector First Grade, Ludhiana-respondent No.3 to consider and decide appeal of the petitioner contained in Annexure P-4, at an early date by passing an appropriate order thereon, strictly in accordance with law, but in any case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

With the abovesaid observations made and directions issued, present petition stands disposed of.

(RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK)
JUDGE

8.11.2016
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No