

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.11702 of 2017

Date of Decision: 25.05.2017

Jaswant Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

Presiding officer, Industrial Tribunal
Patiala & ors.

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. LS Sandhu, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J.(Oral)

1. The prayer in this petition is for expeditious disposal of the reference pending before the Labour Court cum Industrial Tribunal at Patiala in reference No.98 of 2013. The order sheets which have been placed on record reveal that the management is dragging its feet and appear to be delaying conclusion of proceedings. The respondent has not paid costs imposed on it. Adjournments given by the Labour Court to the management run from date to date and those cannot be appreciated.

2. Therefore, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the learned Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal, Patiala, to expedite the case and in case the management seek unnecessary adjournments, the Presiding Officer would make suitable orders as it deems fit including imposition of heavy costs which would appear to hurt the pockets of the respondent management to be paid to the workman for postponing passing of final award. The case has reached the stage of production of evidence by the management, for which no more than three effective dates be given to conclude the same. Only for reasons beyond control of party producing would

accommodation be shown. Rebuttal evidence, if any, will suffer the same directions depending on the unforeseen circumstances.

With these observations and directions the petition is disposed of.

25.05.2017
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(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>