

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

CWP No.1644 of 2017

Date of Decision:-16.02.2017

Gurnam Singh.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

The Punjab State Warehousing Corpn. & Anr.

.....Respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present:- Ms. Jagdeep Bains, advocate for the Petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner had retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.04.2012 from the rank of District Manager with the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation. During his service period three separate punishment orders were imposed upon him, whereupon, he filed three separate statutory appeals all dated 30.04.2015 (**P-2, P-6 & P-7**) before the Appellate Authority-respondent no.2.

The grievance set up by the petitioner is that his retiral benefits have been affected due to non decision in the pending appeals before the Appellate Authority. Thus the prayer is restricted for a direction to the Appellate Authority to decide the aforementioned three pending appeals all dated 30.04.2015 (**P-2, P-6 & P-7**) at the earliest.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court Mr. ADS Sukhija, Panel Advocate

for the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation accepts notice.

Learned Counsel appearing for the respondent-corporation on instructions from Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Assistant, office of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation submits that at present there is no incumbent occupying the seat of the Appellate Authority, however, the corporation is pursuing with the government for posting of a officer who is to exercise the powers of the Appellate Authority. In any case he submits that the pending three appeals would be decided before 31.08.2017.

In response, learned Counsel for the petitioner has no objection if the respondent-Appellate Authority is bound down to the time frame.

In view of the aforesaid circumstances, present writ petition is disposed of as infructuous with the direction that the Appellate Authority shall positively decide the pending appeals all dated 30.04.2015 (**P-2, P-6 & P-7**) before 31.08.2017. The petitioner is also directed to cooperate in the disposal of the pending appeals.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

February 16, 2017
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>