

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

Date of Decision: 03/02/2017

Ashok Kumar Gupta

..... Petitioner

Versus

The Punjab State Warehousing Corporation and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr.JP Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The petitioner, while working as Godown Attendant at State Warehouse, Budhlada with the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, was charge-sheeted vide memo dated 15.9.2011 (**Annexure P-1**) relating to causing loss on account of shortage of rice stock and shortage during the upgradation of stocks. The Punishing Authority, vide order dated 12.7.2016 (**Annexure P-4**) has ordered a recovery of a sum of Rs.53,76,430/- pursuant to the charge-sheet. The petitioner is stated to have filed a statutory appeal dated 9.8.2016 (**Annexure P-5**) before the Appellate Authority.

Although the prayer is for quashing of the order dated 12.7.2016 (**Annexure P-4**), however, an alternative prayer has been made for issuance of a direction to the Appellate Authority to decide the statutory appeal (**P-5**)

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 9.8.2016 (P-5) within a period of six months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Disposed of accordingly.

03/02/2017
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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

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