

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

**LPA No.832 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision:23.02.2017**

Pawan Kumar Singhal

.....Appellant

Vs.

Punjab National Bank and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA**

Present:- Mr. Manoj Kumar Sood, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Advocate for the respondents.

SURYA KANT, J.(Oral)

This Letters Patent Appeal is directed against order dated 25.2.2016 vide which learned Single Judge dismissed the appellant's writ petition, challenging charge-sheet dated 27.8.2011.

It is not in dispute that during the pendency of the proceedings, the inquiry was concluded and vide punishment order dated 15.12.2016 (Annexure R.10), the appellant has been dismissed from service. The order further recites that the appellant shall not be entitled to any monetary benefit whatsoever for the suspension period except for the subsistence allowance already paid to him.

The appellant has already filed the departmental appeal against the above said order dated 15.12.2016.

In the light of the changed circumstances, we dispose of this appeal with a direction to the Appellate Authority to decide the appellant's

appeal expeditiously and preferably within a period of four months. Suffice to observe that regardless of the fate of the appeal, the appellant shall be at liberty to raise the claim for grant of monetary benefits in accordance with Rules/ law. Ordered accordingly.

(SURYA KANT)
JUDGE

(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No