

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

**CWP No.14286 of 2018**

**Date of Decision : 31.05.2018**

Hukam Singh and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER  
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present: Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

**MAHESH GROVER, J.** (Oral)

The only grievance raised before us is that the proceedings under Section 13-A of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 are still pending but the restraint order qua dispossession has been declined while directing the authority concerned to decide the main petition within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the order dated 16.08.2017.

We have noticed from the record that even though the proceedings under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act were finally determined against the petitioners in the year 2014 and the writ petition regarding challenge to those orders concluded on 10.09.2015 but the petitioners were granted liberty to raise the plea under Section 13-A of the Act.

If that is so, then we are of the opinion that since the competent authority was directed to dispose of the appeal within a period of three months, which obviously has not been done, the ends

of justice would be met if we direct the competent authority to decide the matter within four months positively.

It is made clear that no adjournments shall be granted to the petitioners or the respondents and in the process if the proceedings can be concluded on a prior date that would be desirable. Till that time status quo be maintained.

Disposed of.

(MAHESH GROVER)  
JUDGE

31.05.2018  
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(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |