

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

Sr. No.130

Civil Writ Petition No.15276 of 2018
DECIDED ON: July 02, 2018

RANDHIR SINGH

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

**PUNJAB STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED, SCO
NO.36-40, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH THROUGH ITS
MANAGING DIRECTOR AND ANOTHER**

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. G.S. Bal, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Loveinder Kaur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

By virtue of the instant civil writ petition, preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondent No.2 - The Chairman, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Chandigarh - Appellate Authority to decide the Statutory Appeal preferred on 22.05.2017 (P-6) against the order dated 01.11.2013 passed by the Managing Director, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. (P-3), within some specified period or in the alternative to quash the impugned order of penalty dated 01.11.2013 (P-3).

2. At the very outset of the arguments, it has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that though disciplinary authorities are

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alleged to have passed the order on 01.11.2013 (P-3), whereby certain penalties were imposed upon the petitioner, yet the same was not conveyed to the petitioner and after obtaining an information through RTI in this regard, petitioner preferred an appeal against the order dated 01.11.2013 (P-3) on 22.05.2017 before respondent No.2 i.e. The Chairman, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Chandigarh being Appellate Authority. But despite the fact that a period of one year has elapsed, the proceedings in the appeal are still stated to be at the initial stage. Learned counsel for the petitioner still feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to the respondent No.2 -The Chairman, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Chandigarh - Appellate Authority, to consider and decide an appeal preferred by the petitioner (P-6), within some specified period.

3. Thus, in view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances but without expressing any opinion on the merits, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – The Chairman, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, SCO No.36-40, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh to hear and decide an appeal preferred by the petitioner on 22.05.2017 (P-6), within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, that too, on merits and after affording an opportunity of hearing to both the parties. In case, petitioner still feels aggrieved by any of the orders passed by the aforesaid Appellate Authority, he shall be at liberty to have recourse to other remedies available under law as well as to approach this Court.

July 02, 2018

Ankur

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

**(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE**

Yes

Yes/No