

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.16829 of 2018
Date of Decision: July 24th, 2018

Avtar Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI

Present: Mr. Agam Jund Mullanpur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has approached this Court with a simple prayer that his appeal which is pending against the order of his re-suspension from the post of Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Daun, Block Kharar, District S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, before the Joint Secretary, Punjab (exercising the power of State Government)-respondent No.2, which is not being taken up for hearing and simple adjournment is being granted on one pretext or the other. He has also pointed out that on two earlier occasions i.e. on 12.07.2018, when this case was taken up for hearing, the appeal was listed on the said date, when it was adjourned to 19.07.2018 and now again it is listed for hearing on 26.07.2018. He asserts that the petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Joint Secretary, Punjab (exercising the power of State Government)-respondent No.2, to consider the appeal of the petitioner on the next date of hearing and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

2. Without going into merits of the case or commenting thereon, in the light of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioner, the present petition is disposed of with directions to the Joint Secretary, Punjab (exercising the power of State Government)-respondent No.2, to consider the appeal of the petitioner which is stated to be pending before

him, on the date of hearing i.e. 26.07.2018 or if that is not possible, to do the needful within a period of one week thereafter.

3. Copy of this order be given ***dasti*** to the counsel for the petitioner under signatures of Bench Secretary of this Court.

July 24th, 2018
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No