

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

CWP No.3304 of 2018

Date of Decision : 14.02.2018

Nachattar Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

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

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Present: Mr.Gopal Singh Nahel, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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MAHESH GROVER, J. (Oral)

The short grievance raised in this petition is that though an appeal has been preferred by the present petitioners against the order of the Asstt. Collector passed under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961, their possession has not been protected despite the fact that the appeal was preferred on 20.01.2016 and arguments were raised on 23.08.2017. The appellate authority has reserved the orders and in the meantime attempt is being made by the Gram Panchayat to dispossess the petitioners.

After hearing the learned counsel for the petitioners, we are of the opinion that notice of motion need not be issued to the respondents on account of the directions we propose to pass. We dispose of the present petition with a direction to the appellate authority to decide the appeal as expeditiously as possible but not later than four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the

order and till that time status quo with regard to possession shall be maintained.

(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE

14.02.2018
dss

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

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