

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

CWP No.6537 of 2018

Date of Decision : 16.03.2018

Joginder Singh and ors.

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

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

Present: Mr.A.P.Kaushal, Advocate for
Mr. Ranbir Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MAHESH GROVER, J. (Oral)

The grievance of the petitioners is that they have filed an appeal against the illegal demand but the same is not being heard and instead process has been initiated to recover the amount from them. It is thus contended that in the absence of any hearing in the appeal the remedy itself threatens to become illusory.

After hearing the learned counsel for the petitioners, we are of the opinion that the appeal is a valuable right granted by a statute and cannot be defeated by procedural delays.

Consequently, we dispose of this petition with a direction to the Appellate Authority to hear and decide the appeal as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

In the first instance the competent authority shall decide the issue of interim relief.

Petition stands disposed of.

(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE

16.03.2018
dss

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

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