

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

CWP No.13723 of 2019 (O&M)  
Date of decision:-22.05.2019

Harpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

The Punjab State Cooperative Supply & Marketing Federation Ltd. and  
another

.....Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA**

Present:- Mr. Shiv Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)**

Petitioner was serving on the post of Field Officer under the Punjab State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (MARKFED). On conclusion of disciplinary proceedings an order dated 18.04.2018 (Annexure P-2) was passed by the Additional Managing Director (G) MARKFED and whereby punishment of stoppage of one annual grade increment with cumulative effect was imposed upon the petitioner. That apart a recovery of Rs.3,34,430/- alongwith interest was also directed.

Grievance of the petitioner is that the statutory appeal that has been filed against the order of punishment dated 18.04.2018 has not been taken up for hearing by the Appellate Authority and the respondent-Federation is proceeding to effect recovery from the petitioner.

Counsel makes a statement that the appeal has been preferred only on two counts i.e.(i) against the stoppage of one annual grade increment with cumulative effect; (ii) charging interest on the principal

amount of Rs.3,34,430/- and that too without specifying the rate of interest. It is submitted that the petitioner otherwise is not assailing the principal amount of recovery.

It has further been urged that as of date an amount of Rs.4,36,818/- already stands recovered from the salary component.

Short prayer made in the instant petition is for issuance of direction to the Appellate Authority to hear and decide the statutory appeal dated 28.02.2019 that has been preferred by the petitioner.

Without ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition with a direction to the Appellate Authority/respondent No.1 to take a final decision on the statutory appeal preferred by the petitioner within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Further recovery from the salary of the petitioner would remain stayed and would be subject to the outcome of the final order that would be passed by the Appellate Authority.

Disposed of.

**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)**  
**JUDGE**

22.05.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No