

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

(169)

CWP-15081-2019

Date of Decision: May 29, 2019

Pawan Kumar Verma

.. Petitioner

Versus

State Bank of India and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Arora, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

The grievance, in the present writ petition, is against order dated 21.07.2018 (Annexure P-1) whereby the petitioner's basic salary was brought to the lower stage till his retirement.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that by the said order itself, the petitioner was given liberty to file an appeal before the Appellate Authority within a period of 45 days from the receipt of the aforementioned letter informing the petitioner about the punishment. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that vide Annexure P-2, petitioner preferred an appeal to the Appellate Authority on 18.09.2018, i.e. within a period of 45 days. Thereafter, petitioner also sent the reminder to the respondents on 12.02.2019 (Annexure P-3) for deciding his appeal but the appeal filed by the petitioner is still pending.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the appeal by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Keeping in view the advance notice given by counsel for the petitioner, Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate, who is present in the Court,

accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State Bank of India.

Learned counsel for the respondents states that the respondents have no objection in deciding the appeal in a time bound manner if not already decided.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by him in the appeal dated 18.09.2018 (Annexure P-2), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the said appeal dated 18.09.2018 (Annexure P-2) within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

May 29, 2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable:	No