

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

CWP-15176-2019

Date of decision: 30.05.2019

V.K.Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

National Insurance Company & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr.Sanjeev Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

G.S. SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present writ petition, filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of direction to respondent No.2 to decide the statutory appeal expeditiously as the same is pending since 09.07.2018.

By virtue of the order of punishment dated 06.04.2018 (Annexure P-1), petitioner's pension has been reduced substantially. The appeal filed by the petitioner is pending before the General Manager-cum-Appellate Authority. Several representations, as such, have been made for deciding the same at the earliest, on priority basis, one of them is dated 16.09.2018 (Annexure P-4). Reliance is placed upon Rule 37(3) of the General Insurance (Conduct, Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1975, that the appeal should be decided not later than 6 months from the date of the filing.

Keeping in view the above facts, this Court is of the opinion that no useful purpose would be served by calling upon the respondents to file reply, in view of the limited prayer which has been made and it would only delay the proceedings.

Accordingly, the present writ petition is disposed of, with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the appeal dated 09.07.2018 (Annexure P-2), within a period of 6 months from the receipt of a certified copy of this order.

30.05.2019

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**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No