

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.5368 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: September 16th, 2019

Tapesh Sharma and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Secretary, Cooperative Societies, U.T. Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Dr. Deepak Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Vikas Bali, Advocate
for respondents No.1 to 3.

Ms. Kavita Arora, Advocate
for the applicants (in CM Nos.8657-59-CWP of 2019).

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Since the petitioners have an alternative remedy of filing an appeal under Section 68 of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961, this Court grants liberty to the petitioners to file an appeal within a period of one week.

2. In case the appeal is filed within the period as stipulated above, the same shall be entertained and considered on merits without taking any objection with regard to the delay in filing the appeal. Along with the appeal, if an application for stay is filed, the said application be also considered and decided by the Appellate Authority.

3. Till a decision is taken on the application by the Appellate Authority, *status quo*, as it exists today, shall be maintained.

4. In case the appeal is not filed within the period of one week from today, this order of status-quo would cease to operate.

5. The writ petition is disposed of with above observations.

6. In the light of the disposal of the writ petition, no separate orders are required to be passed in the pending applications.

September 16th, 2019

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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes

Whether Reportable:

No