

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**CWP-9845-2020****Date of decision: 15.07.2020****Tirath Ram****....Petitioner****V/s.****Board of Directors****.....Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI.**

Present: Mr. Lovedev Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ritu Bahri, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking direction to the respondents to decide statutory departmental appeal dated 26.02.2020 alongwith stay application (Annexures P-3 and P-4) in a time bound manner.

The petitioner is working with MARKFED which is registered under the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961. The petitioner is working as Clerk (then deployed as Store Keeper) was charge-sheeted for causing loss of Rs.27,89,734/- along with interest to the organization on account of less yield of head rice than norms and producing rice not conforming to the specifications of FCI in crop year 2009-10 at Markfed RPC, Batala. After holding departmental enquiry, punishment order dated 03.02.2020 (Annexure P-2) was passed and against this order, statutory appeal and stay application (Annexures P-3 and P-4) have been filed which is pending with respondent No. 1-Board of Directors.

In similar circumstances, this Court disposed of ***CWP-12307-2018 titled as Anil Kumar and another V/s. The Punjab State Cooperative Supply & Marketing Federation Ltd., 'MARKFED' and another*** (Annexure P-8) by giving direction to the Appellate Authority to decide

statutory appeal within a period of next six months.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondent.

This writ petition is also disposed of by giving direction to the Appellate Authority to decide statutory appeal within a period of next six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and till then, no recovery from the salary of the petitioner shall be effected. The recovery, if already effected, shall be refunded to the petitioner forthwith.

15.07.2020

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**RITU BAHRI
(JUDGE)**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No