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

CWP-10308 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 21.07.2020

Bijender Singh **...Petitioner**

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present:- Mr. Vikram Singh Narwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, DAG Haryana.
(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Grievance of the petitioner herein is that despite his removal by competent authority vide its dated 10.06.2020 as Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat, his appeal before the Appellate Authority/Deputy Commissioner is not being heard. While on the other hand, he has been divested of the charge of his position as Sarpanch.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner further points out that the a stay application was also filed with the appeal. Neither the same has been heard nor any orders have been passed thereon. The petitioner has been visiting the office of the Appellate Authority but to no avail.

3. Having been left with no other choice, he has been forced to file the present writ petition.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, DAG, Haryana, who has joined proceedings, on service of advance copy of the petition appears and accepts notice on behalf of the State of Haryana.

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6. Given the nature of order being passed, there is no necessity to seek return by any of the respondents as no further proceedings and/or pleadings are required.

7. Without commenting on the merits of the case, writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Appellate Authority to fix an actual date in appeal of the petitioner after giving him notice and thereafter dispose of the same as expeditiously as possible. Needless to say that hearing of appeal shall be conducted when the work resumes after the lockdown period caused by Covid-19 pandemic is over, as per decision of the State Government.

8. If for some reasons, the Appellate Authority is unable to dispose of the appeal, it would be appreciated that the stay application filed therein is taken up for hearing and is disposed of within a period of 3 months from today, by observing full pandemic precautions.

9. Disposed of in above terms.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether Reportable Yes/No

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