

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

CWP-3259-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 12.02.2021

Beant Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. Sham Lal Bhalla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Mamta Talwar, DAG, Haryana.
(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner herein is aggrieved quainordinate delay in deciding his long pending statutory appeal dated 24.07.2017 (Annexure P-4) preferred by him against and order of punishment awarded to him.

2. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and gonethrough the case file.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Mamta Talwar, DAG, Haryana on service of advance copy of the petition joins the proceedings and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State of Haryana. She argues that per her, aforesaid statutory appeal filed by petitioner is barred by limitation.

5. 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.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the appellate authority to

decide the pending appeal dated 24.07.2017 (Annexure P-4), as expeditiously as possible, but not later than 04 months from today.

However, passing of this order, in any manner, shall not be construed to mean that the appellate authority is bound to entertain the appeal on merits, if otherwise it is not maintainable, including on the ground of delay.

February 12, 2021
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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No