

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

**CWP- 3088-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision : 11.02.2021**

Parvesh Bhandari

....Petitioner

Vs.

Punjab State Civil Supplies
Corporation Ltd. and Another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Virinder Kumar Shukla, Advocate for the petitioner.

ALKA SARIN, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner along with some other employees was served with the charge-sheet dated 28.11.2013 under Rule 8 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment & Appeal) Rules, 1970 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Rules') alleging some omissions/commissions on the part of the petitioner while discharging duties. Subsequently, vide order dated 13.11.2018/22.11.2018 (Annexure P-3), the respondent No.2 passed an order for recovery of Rs.1,37,67,040/- and interest thereupon from the petitioner under the Rules. On 05.08.2019, the petitioner-herein preferred a statutory departmental appeal against the aforesaid punishment under Rule 15 of the Rules before the Chairman of the Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited who is the appellate authority. However, the said appeal is still pending. Learned counsel for the petitioner would further contend that he limits his prayer in the present petition and would be satisfied if a direction is issued to decide the appeal in a time bound manner.

In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to the appellate authority i.e.- Chairman, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited - to take a final decision on the appeal dated 05.08.2019 (Annexure P-4) expeditiously and in any case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Disposed off.

February 11, 2021
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(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO