

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CWP-18454-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 16.09.2021**

Ex. HC Amritpal Singh

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. J.S. Mohri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Abhaypal Singh, AAG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Petitioner-Ex. HC Amritpal Singh stated to be aged 49 years, filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with the prayer for directing respondent No.2 to decide the statutory appeal dated 26.02.2021 (Annexure P-7) along with further relief as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for same/similar allegations, the other two persons namely HC Baldev Singh and PHG Sukhvir Singh were allowed to continue in service. On the ground of parity, petitioner prays that he would move an application for interim directions before the Appellate Authority. He submits that his statutory appeal dated 26.02.2021 (Annexure P-7) is still pending before respondent No.2.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Abhaypal Singh, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2/competent authority to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as contained in the statutory appeal dated 26.02.2021 (Annexure P-7), in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible.

It is further directed that in case during the pendency of the appeal, an application for interim prayer is made, the application be decided at the earliest, preferably within a period of **two months** from today.

So ordered.

16.09.2021
Shruti

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

Yes/No
Yes/No