

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

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CWP-26433-2021 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 22.12.2021

Arpinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

Managing Director, Punjab State
Cooperative Supply and Marketing
Federation Limited and Another

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Shiv Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral):

Heard in physical mode.

The petitioner-herein is working with the respondent-Federation as a Field Officer. A departmental enquiry was conducted and the punishing authority passed an order dated 10.01.2020 awarding the punishment of bringing down by two stages besides recovery of share lost along with the interest. Aggrieved by the said order, on 07.02.2020 the petitioner filed a statutory appeal along with an application for stay of recovery which is pending.

The only grievance of the petitioner in the present petition is that neither the application for stay nor the statutory appeal has been decided since 07.02.2020.

The limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner is for issuance of a direction to the concerned authority/appellate authority-herein to decide the statutory appeal preferred by the petitioner along with the application for stay in a time bound manner.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed off with a direction to the Appellate Authority respondent No.1 to take a decision on the statutory appeal preferred by the petitioner within a period of 06 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. It is further directed that no recovery from the salary of the petitioner shall be effected till a final decision is taken by the Appellate Authority on the stay application or the appeal itself.

Disposed off.

**(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE**

22nd December, 2021
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Whether reportable: YES/NO