

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

**LPA-206-2022(O&M)
Date of decision: 28.03.2022**

Prem Kumar

... Appellant

Versus

Food Corporation of India and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA,
CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI**

Present: Mr. V.K. Jindal, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Kshitij Sharma, Advocate, for the appellant.

Mr. K.K. Gupta, Advocate, for the respondent-FCI.

RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (Oral)

At the outset, learned counsel for the respondent-FCI submits that the departmental inquiry that was initiated against the petitioner (appellant herein) is almost complete as the evidence has already been recorded. Thereafter, as per rules, the parties were required to submit written briefs. The authorities has already furnished their written submissions, whereas the appellant, who appeared in the departmental proceedings, prayed for and was granted time to submit the written briefs till 29.03.2022.

In the wake of the stage that has already been reached in the departmental inquiry, learned senior counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant shall submit his written submissions by 29.03.2022 and in case he is unable to do so within the stipulated time, he be granted one week further time to do the needful.

In response, learned counsel for the respondent-FCI assures the Court that one week further time w.e.f. 29.03.2022, shall be granted to the appellant to furnish the written submissions which shall be accepted and duly dealt with by the authority concerned.

In view of the aforesaid and taking the statement of learned counsel for the parties on record, the appeal is disposed of with a liberty to the appellant to take up all issues before the learned Single Bench at the time when the matter is listed.

(Ravi Shanker Jha)
Chief Justice

(Arun Palli)
Judge

28.03.2022
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Whether speaking / reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

YES
NO