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

CWP-10134-2022

Date of Decision:12.05.2022

PRITPAL SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Daljeet Singh Virk, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

The petitioner herein has approached this Court with a limited prayer for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.2 to decide his appeal, dated 07.10.2016 (Annexure P-3).

In brief, the facts are that the petitioner was issued a licence to run a depot which stood cancelled by an order dated 04.08.2016. The said order was challenged in an appeal filed and registered as diary No.2711, dated 07.10.2016. His appeal was listed for hearing on 14.07.2020 and personal hearing was given. However, no orders have been passed in the appeal despite a reminder having been sent on 06.07.2021.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner would submit that direction ought to be issued to the Appellate Authority i.e. respondent No.2, to decide the appeal as expeditiously as possible.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Pawan Sharda, Senior DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

In view of the limited prayer made, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the appeal of the petitioner after giving proper opportunity of hearing to the parties, within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law and convey the decision to the petitioner. In case of failure to do so, the officer responsible for the lapse would be liable to pay costs of Rs.20,000/- from his personal pocket, to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Welfare Fund.

12.05.2022

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No