

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

**CWP No. 22417 of 2022
Date of decision: 28.09.2022**

Arun Bakshi

..... Petitioner.

Versus

The Managing Director, The Punjab State Cooperative Supply and Marketing
Federation Ltd. and others

.... Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Raman Kaplish, Advocate, for
Mr. Shiv Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner-herein is working with the respondent-Federation as a Field Officer (P) deployed as T.O. A departmental enquiry was conducted and the Punishing Authority passed an order dated 19.07.2020 (Annexure P4) awarding the punishment of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect besides recovery of financial loss caused to Markfed (1/3rd) along with interest @9% per annum. Aggrieved by the said order, on 16.08.2022 the petitioner filed a statutory appeal (Annexure P5) 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 16.08.2022. Counsel for the petitioner has relied upon the order passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in CWP No. 26550 of 2021 whereby petition was disposed of to decide the appeal within a period of six months.

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.

Heard.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of 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 six 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.

28.09.2022
Ramesh

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No