

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

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**CWP-22967-2022 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 30.09.2022.**

Ramesh Katyal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Amandeep Vashisth, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant writ petition has been preferred by the petitioner under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to decide the Appeal No.275 of 2018 (Annexure P-2) filed by the petitioner pending before respondent No.2 in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the aforesaid appeal has been preferred by the petitioner before the Registrar General of Firms and Societies, Haryana, on 10.09.2018 aggrieved by the order dated 21.06.2018 passed by the State Registrar, Firms and Societies, Haryana. He contends that even though the aforesaid appeal has been listed on various dates, however, the matter is being postponed without assigning any reason and a period of nearly four years

has elapsed since the filing of the appeal. He contends that the dispute pertains to the embezzlement of the properties of the Society and needs to be decided expeditiously. He submits that a representation dated 03.08.2022 (Annexure P-3) was also sent to the Registrar General of Societies, for early decision of the appeal, however, the needful has not been done. He submits that the petitioner would be satisfied in case the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2 – the Registrar General of Firms and Societies, Haryana, to decide the aforesaid appeal No.275 of 2018, expeditiously.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Vivek Chauhan, AAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and he has apprised this Court that the aforesaid appeal was earlier listed for hearing on 20.09.2022 and the same has now been adjourned to 13.12.2022. He fairly concedes that the said date has not been assigned on the asking of the petitioner. He submits on account of the pendency of large number of appeals, some time is being consumed in disposal of the same since no effective proceedings could take place due to Covid – 19 Pandemic. He, however, submits that the competent authority shall hear the appeal and pass an appropriate order on the next date fixed before the Registrar General of Firms and Societies, Haryana.

The aforesaid submission made by the learned State counsel is accepted by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner.

Accordingly, with the consent of the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the controversy, the present petition is disposed of with a direction that respondent No.2 - Registrar General of Firms and Societies, Haryana, shall decide the Appeal No.275 of 2018

(Annexure P-2) on the next date of hearing i.e. on 13.12.2022 or within a period of two months from the next date of hearing fixed before respondent No.2 - Registrar General of Firms and Societies, Haryana, i.e. 13.12.2022.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

September 30, 2022.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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