

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

**CWP No. 29368 of 2022
Date of decision: 22.12.2022**

Jasvir Singh and others

..... Petitioners.

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. Shiv Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun William, AAG, Punjab, for the respondents.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners-herein are working with the respondent-Federation as Field Officer (G) and Salesmen. A departmental enquiry was conducted and the Punishing Authority passed two orders dated 14.09.2022 (Annexures P2 and P3) awarding the punishment of withholding of three annual grade increments and two annual grade increments, respectively, with cumulative effect besides recovery of financial loss caused to Markfed in equal share along with interest. Aggrieved by the said order, on 18.10.2022 and 11.11.2022 the petitioners filed statutory appeals (Annexures P4, P4A and P5) along with an application for stay of recovery which is pending.

The only grievance of the petitioners in the present petition is that neither the application for stay nor the statutory appeals have been decided since 18.10.2022 and 11.11.2022. Counsel for the petitioners has

relied upon the order passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in CWP No. 22417 of 2022 whereby petition was disposed of to decide the appeal within a period of six months.

The limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners is for issuance of a direction to the concerned Authority/Appellate Authority herein to decide the statutory appeals preferred by the petitioners along with the application for stay in a time bound manner.

Issue notice to learned counsel for the respondents.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Arun William, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

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 appeals preferred by the petitioners 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 petitioners shall be effected till a final decision is taken by the Appellate Authority on the stay application or the appeal itself.

22.12.2022
Ramesh

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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