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

CWP-804-2023

Date of decision : 16.01.2023

Neena Dadral

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. G.S. Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Addl. A.G. Punjab
for respondent Nos.1 to 4.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of certiorari for quashing the impugned order dated 22.12.2022 (Annexure P-9) passed by respondent No.1, whereby the stay application of the petitioner has been declined.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has pointed out that the appeal filed by the petitioner under Section 20(6) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 before the Financial Commissioner to Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats (exercising the power of Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994) is now fixed for 09.02.2023. It is further submitted that the respondents had appeared in the same through Law

Officer and even the counsel for caveator had also appeared on the said date.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has restricted his prayer that the authority may kindly be directed to decide the case on 09.02.2023 or immediately thereafter.

Learned State Counsel appearing on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4 has submitted that every endeavour would be made by the Financial Commissioner to decide the appeal as expeditiously as possible and the same would be done preferably on 09.02.2023 or within a period of two weeks thereafter.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with directions to Financial Commissioner to Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats (exercising the power of Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994) to decide the Appeal No.140 of 2022 filed by the petitioner under Section 20(6) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 on 09.02.2023 or within a period of two weeks thereafter.

It would be relevant to note that this Court has not gone into the merits of the case and same would be considered independently after hearing all the concerned parties in accordance with law.

16.01.2023

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No