

CWP-6436-2023 and
CWP-6464-2023

-1- 2023:PHHC:046607

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(116)

1. CWP-6436-2023

Balwinder SinghPetitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

2. CWP-6464-2023

Rajpal SinghPetitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

Date of decision: - 29.03.2023

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondents.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This order shall dispose of two writ petitions bearing CWP-6436-2023 filed by Balwinder Singh and CWP-6464-2023 filed by Rajpal Singh.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that both the petitioners have filed two appeals under Section 20(6) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 i.e., Appeals No.53 & 54 of 2023, in which, the

challenge has been made to the suspension order passed against them. It is stated that the said appeals were taken up for hearing on 02.03.2023 and the stay was rejected and the said appeals are now pending for 13.04.2023 and in the said appeals, the counsel for the State as well as counsel for the complainant had appeared and thus, the service is complete. It is also stated that since the matters are listed for 13.04.2023 before the appellate authority, thus, the petitioners would limit their prayers in the present writ petitions for expeditious decision in the said appeals and it has been prayed that the same be done in a time bound period and all the arguments raised by the parties be considered by the appellate authority.

Learned State counsel has submitted that every endeavour would be made by the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, to decide the said appeals filed by the petitioners as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of two months from the date of the certified copy of the present order.

Keeping in view above-said facts and circumstances, the present writ petitions are disposed of with a direction to the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, to decide the Appeals No.53 & 54 of 2023, as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Rural

Development and Panchayats, Punjab would decide the said appeals independently, in accordance with law.

It would be open to the petitioners as well as to the parties concerned to raise all pleas which have been raised in the present writ petitions and are available to them in the said appeals.

March 29, 2023
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No