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

CWP-6603-2023

Date of decision : 29.03.2023

Jasveer Kaur and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Manish Kumar Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Addl. A.G. Punjab
for respondent Nos.1 to 5.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing of order dated 02.03.2023 passed by respondent No.2 vide which, the stay application of the petitioners against the order dated 08.02.2023 has been rejected.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners have a very good arguable case and has submitted that the main appeal filed by the petitioners under Section 20(6) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 is pending for 06.04.2023 and in the said appeal, the State as well as counsel for the complainant have already appeared and thus, he would restrict his prayer in the present writ petition to the direction to

respondent No.2 to decide the said appeal as expeditiously as possible and in a time bound manner.

On the other hand, learned State Counsel has submitted that the respondent No.2-Additional Chief Secretary would make every endeavour to decide the said appeal as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.2-Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab to decide the Appeal No.45 of 2023 filed by the petitioners as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

29.03.2023*Pawan***(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned:-****Yes/No****Whether reportable:-****Yes/No**