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

CWP-6664-2023

Date of decision : 29.03.2023

Paramjeet Singh Sarpanch

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present: Ms. Raman Rekhi, Advocate and  
Mr. C.L. Premy, Advocate for the petitioner.

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

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**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 mandamus directing respondent No.1 to decide the appeal dated 04.08.2022 (Annexure P-12) under Section 20(6) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, in a time bound manner filed against the impugned suspension order dated 30.06.2022 of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has a very good arguable case and has submitted that the main appeal filed by the petitioner under Section 20(6) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 is pending for 06.04.2023 and thus, the petitioner would be

satisfied at this stage, in case the Additional Chief Secretary is directed 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 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 the Additional Chief Secretary to decide the appeal dated 04.08.2022 filed by the petitioner 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**