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

CWP-8517-2023

Date of decision : 27.04.2023

Surjit Singh and another

..... Petitioners

versus

**Managing Director, the Punjab State Cooperative Supply &
Marketing Federation Ltd. (Markfed) and others Respondents**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. Charanpuneet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. T.S. Sidhu, Advocate
for respondents No.1 to 3.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

By way of present writ petition, the petitioners pray for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus in form of directions to respondent No.1 to hear and decide the statutory appeal as provided under relevant statutory regulations.

2. The petitioners were chargesheeted on 10.01.2017 which has resulted in the order of punishment dated 25.02.2023 (Annexure P-1). Against the said order, the petitioners have availed remedy of statutory appeal as provided under the regulations. Though, the said appeal awaits adjudication but the employer has initiated regular proceedings pursuant to said punishment order impugned in the appeal. Mr. Sidhu, Advocate appears on advance notice and very fairly submits that the appeal filed by the petitioners is pending adjudication and the same shall be decided within a period of 06 months and till then the

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respondents shall not effect recovery pursuant to punishment order dated 25.02.2022 passed qua chargesheet dated 10.01.2017.

3. Finding it to be a fair request, present writ petition is disposed off. Respondents are directed to adjudicate the appeal dated 29.03.2023 (Annexure P-2) preferred by the petitioners within a period of 06 months in accommodated with law. Till then, the respondents shall remain bound by their statement.
4. Ordered accordingly.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

27.04.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No