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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-14216-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 07.07.2023

Jaspri Singh
..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab
..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA

Present Mr. Bhagoti Singh, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. Paramjit Batta, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA, J.(Oral)

1. Present Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner praying for directing respondent to decide the appeal dated 16.09.2021 (P-12) in a time bound manner and quashing of order of dismissal of petitioner dated 27.08.2021 (P-11).
2. It is contended by the counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner's appeal against the order of dismissal passed in a departmental inquiry dated 27.08.2021 is pending with the respondent since 16.09.2021 and the same has not been decided.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner limits his prayer at this stage to the extent of praying for directing the respondent to decide his appeal expeditiously.
4. In terms of Rule 19(3) of the Punjab Civil Service (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, appeals preferred against punishment orders are

required to be decided expeditiously and preferably within a period of one year.

- 5. The period of one year has elapsed in the present case.
- 6. Still, this Court grants an indulgence to the respondent to decide the appeal within *4 months* hereinafter.
- 7. With the said directions, this Writ Petition is *disposed of*.
- 8. It is made clear that the petitioner would be given an opportunity of hearing by the appellate authority and the petitioner may raise all objections relating to the order of dismissal passed by the concerned disciplinary authority. The appellate authority is directed to pass a speaking order after considering all the aspects.

(SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA)
JUDGE

July 07, 2023
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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable? | Yes/No |