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2023:PHHC:098964

Date of Decision: 02.08.2023

..... Petitioner

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

Present: Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Prayer in the present petition is for issuance of direction to respondent NO.1 to decide statutory appeal filed by the petitioner under Section 20(6) of Punjab Panchayati Raj Act bearing Appeal No.3 of 2022 titled as Mewa Singh Lidhar and others vs. Director, Rural Development & Panchayat and others, expeditiously.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the appeal was filed by the petitioner one year and 8 months ago before respondent No.1 and the same was heard time and again and at one point of time it was fixed for orders, however, the same has not been decided till date. He has submitted that appeal is now fixed for tomorrow i.e. 03.08.2023 for arguments.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents. On instructions, she has submitted that the appeal filed by the petitioner is fixed for 11.09.2023 for arguments.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to decide the appeal filed by the petitioner. As submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner, the appeal is fixed for tomorrow i.e. 03.08.2023, whereas, learned State counsel has stated that the same is fixed for 11.09.2023. Be that as it may, the appeal pending before respondent No.1 be decided within a period of one month from the date when it is actually fixed.

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No