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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-17756-2023

Date of Decision:17.08.2023

RAM BABU MAHTO

..... Petitioner

Versus

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND OTHERS Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present : Ms. Sumanjit Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Gupta, Advocate
for the respondents-FCI.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking quashing of order dated 04.10.2022 (Annexure P-1) whereby Appellate Authority has decided to keep appeal pending till the final outcome of criminal trial pending against the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* submits that petitioner is no more in service, thus, Appellate Authority cannot keep his appeal pending on the ground of pendency of criminal trial.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents- FCI assures the Court that Appellate Authority would decide appeal of the petitioner expeditiously in accordance with law.

4. Without commenting upon merits of the case, the Appellate Authority i.e. General Manager (Labour), FCI, Panchkula is hereby

directed to decide appeal of the petitioner expeditiously and preferably within 6 weeks from today.

5. The petition stands disposed of in above terms.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

17.08.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>