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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-20941-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 21.11.2023

Balraj Singh and another

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Puneet Sharma, Advocate and
Ms. Oshin Swami, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Arun Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. M.S.Batth, Advocate for respondent No.3.

DEEPAK MANCHANDA, J.(Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent Nos.2 and 3 to decide the statutory appeals i.e. Annexures P-7 and P-8 moved by the petitioners against the punishment order dated 16.08.2022 (Annexures P-1 and P-2). Further prayer has been made for staying the punishment orders dated 16.08.2022 and for directing the respondents not to effect recovery from the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners confines himself with limited prayer to decide the statutory appeals i.e. Annexures P-7 and P-8 filed by the petitioners expeditiously by passing a speaking order within a time bound manner. He further prays that an opportunity of hearing be also granted to the petitioners while deciding the appeals.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Arun Gupta, AAG Punjab, representing respondent Nos.1 and 2 does not object to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, whereas Mr. Manbir Singh Batth, Advocate for respondent No.3 submits that the appeals filed by the petitioners shall be decided expeditiously.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the case file.

In view of the aforesaid stand of the counsel for the respondents, the present petition is disposed of with directions that the statutory appeals (Annexures P-7 and P-8) pending before the Appellate Authority shall be decided within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order by giving opportunity of hearing to the petitioners. Further recovery from the petitioners shall remain stayed and would be subject to the final order that may be passed by the Appellate Authority.

The petition stands disposed of.

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No