

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

CWP-4054 of 2024

Date of decision: 22.02.2024

Rajiv Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Warehousing Corporation and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: - Mr. J.P. Rana, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karan Singh, Advocate,
for the respondents.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondent No.1 to stop the recovery @ 60% per month from the salary of the petitioner till the pendency of the statutory appeal dated 06.02.2024 (Annexure P-2) filed by the petitioner against the order of punishment dated 17.01.2024 (Annexure P-1) issued under endorsement No.PWC/EST/E-1/PF-331/1813-21/24 dated 30.01.2024 passed by respondent No.1, whereby recovery of Rs.1,35,72,911/- has been imposed upon the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset prays for deciding the appeal dated 06.02.2024 (Annexure P-2) filed by the petitioner expeditiously by passing a speaking order within a time-bound frame.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Karan Singh, Advocate, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and submits that the appeal filed by the petitioner shall be decided expeditiously.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.
6. The appellate authority-respondent No.2 is directed to consider and decide the appeal dated 06.02.2024 (Annexure P-2) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.
7. Since the statutory appeal is still pending and yet to be decided, it will be in the interest of justice that no further recovery be effected from the petitioner till the disposal of the appeal.
8. The petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

22.02.2024
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No