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

CWP-6096-2024
Date of decision: 15.03.2024

Pankaj Trivedi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Gurnoor S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. TPS Walia, AAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the Public Information Officer to furnish the complete information sought by the petitioner vide his application dated 03.11.2022 (Annexure P-9).
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner had filed a second statutory appeal i.e. Appeal No.643 of 2023 which was adjourned vide order dated 17.10.2023 but no next date has been given in the same. It is further submitted that in spite of best efforts made by the petitioner, the said appeal has neither been listed after 17.10.2023 nor been decided and thus, the petitioner, at this stage, has submitted that he

would be satisfied in case respondent No.2 is directed to decide the case of the petitioner in accordance with law and also after taking into consideration the law laid down by this Court in **CWP-17672-2023 titled as Rajwinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others decided on 16.08.2023** as expeditiously as possible.

3. Learned State Counsel has submitted that respondent No.2 would decide the aforesaid appeal filed by the petitioner as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

4. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the appeal No.643 of 2023 filed by the petitioner as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order in accordance with law and also after taking into consideration the law laid down by this Court in **Rajwinder Singh's** case (Supra).

15.03.2024
Pawan

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether reportable:-	Yes/No