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

CWP-9391-2024  
Date of decision: 26.04.2024

Paramjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present: Mr. Aruz Khan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. TPS Walia, AAG, Punjab.

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**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 respondent No.2 to decide the second appeal dated 16.03.2023 (Annexure P-2) pending with it since 17.03.2023.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the second statutory appeal filed by the petitioner was last listed before the State Information Commission on 25.09.2023 and it was observed in the said order that the State Information Commissioner was demitting the office and the case file was sent to the Deputy Registrar to be placed before the Chief Information Commissioner for reallocation of the second appeal. It is further submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied at this stage, in case,

respondent No.1 is directed to decide the said appeal in a time bound manner.

3. Learned State Counsel has submitted that at present, there is one Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab and it is the said authority who has to decide the appeal and the same would be done, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six 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.1 to decide the second statutory appeal i.e. Appeal Case No.1912 of 2023, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

26.04.2024  
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(VIKAS BAHL)  
JUDGE

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