

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

(108)

**2024:PHHC:015298
CWP-28667-2023
Date of Decision: 05.02.2024**

Suresh Devi

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Kunal Muthreja, AAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL.J (Oral)

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to provide the information to the petitioner as detailed in application dated 28.06.2023 (Annexure P-8).

2. On 20.12.2023, this Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner has pointed out that in the present case the petitioner had filed a second statutory appeal, but the same had not been fixed for hearing and vide letter dated 09.10.2023 (Annexure P-13), it has been informed that the said appeal would be taken up for hearing after the appointment of new Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab. It is submitted that till date, as per his instructions, new Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab has not been appointed.

Learned State counsel prays for adjournment to get instructions in the matter.

Adjourned to 22.12.2023.

To be taken up after urgent matters.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has fairly submitted that now the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab has been appointed and thus the petitioner seeks to withdraw the present writ petition with liberty to pursue her appeal before the office of Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab. Counsel has, however, prayed that respondent authority be directed to decide the appeal as expeditiously as possible.

4. Prayer is allowed.

5. Dismissed as withdrawn with the aforesaid liberty.

6. The Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab is directed to decide the appeal filed by the petitioner as expeditiously as possible, in accordance with law.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

05.02.2024

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