



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

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CWP-2974-2025

Date of Decision: 03.02.2025

PIROJ SINGH

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Rajender Singh Malik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Challenge in the present petition is to order dated 02.11.2017 (Annexure P-6) passed by respondent No.3-Conservator of Forests, Central Circle Rohtak, Forest Department, Haryana whereby major punishment has been awarded to the petitioner under Rule 7 of Haryana Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules 1987 apart from effecting recovery of Rs.5,44,950/-.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the aforesaid punishment has been awarded to the petitioner without holding any inquiry and even without affording any opportunity of hearing to him. However, after arguing at some length, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that with regard to his grievance, the petitioner has preferred an appeal dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P-8), which is still pending and the respondents are sitting over the matter since long and have not taken any action thereupon till date.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and prays for some time to complete instructions and file response, if so advised.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that he would be satisfied at this stage, in case respondent No.2- The Principal Chief Conservator Forest Officer, Forest Department, Haryana, Panchkula is directed to decide the appeal dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P-8) preferred by the petitioner, by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

Learned State Counsel does not have any objection to the request made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Accordingly, in view of the above; with the consent of the parties and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of while directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the appeal dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P-8) by passing a reasoned and speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties within a period of four months of the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

FEBRUARY 03, 2025.

rajender

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No