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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-25545-2025(O&M)

Date of Decision:01.09.2025

Dheeraj Setia

....Appellant(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Rahul Yadav, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Udit Garg, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondent No.1 to decide the pending appeal (Annexure P-11) under Section 18 of the Arms Act, 1959, filed by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that it is a case where the petitioner had filed an application for renewal of licence which was declined and against which he had filed an appeal under Section 18 of the Arms Act, 1959. He submitted that the appeal has been attached along with the present petition as Annexure P-11 which was filed on 07.10.2024 and the aforesaid appeal has not been decided till date and acute prejudice has been caused to the petitioner. He further submitted that



he limits his prayer only to the extent that the aforesaid appeal be considered and decided in accordance with law and within any time frame work fixed by this Court.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Udit Garg, Addl. A.G., Haryana has submitted that he has received an advance copy of the present petition and has also sought instructions in the present case. He submitted that considering the aforesaid limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner seeking a direction to respondent No.1 to consider and decide the aforesaid appeal, the State has no objection in case respondent No.1 is directed to consider and decide the aforesaid appeal within a time frame work fixed by this Court and in accordance with law.

4. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties and in view of the aforesaid limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and the statement made by the learned State counsel, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to consider and decide the appeal (Annexure P-11) strictly in accordance with law and within a period of three months from today. Needless to say, adequate opportunity of hearing shall be granted to the petitioner or his counsel and thereafter, a speaking order shall be passed.

01.09.2025

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No