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

**CWP-616-2024(O&M)
Date of decision : 02.02.2026**

Navjot Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH
NALWA**

Present: Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. N.P.S. Hira, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. M.K. Dogra, Advocate for respondents No.2 to 5.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

In the present writ petition, the petitioner is praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing the order dated 04.03.2022 (Annexure P-14) vide which respondent No.4 had passed an order of punishment of reduction to a lower stage on the same post. The petitioner has also challenged the order dated 02.08.2022 (Annexure P-16) vide which the appeal filed by the petitioner against the order dated 04.03.2022 (Annexure P-14) was not accepted.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, inter alia, submits that a perusal of impugned appellate order dated 02.08.2022 (Annexure P-16) would show that the appeal filed by the petitioner has not been accepted by the competent authority. Learned counsel submits that in fact, the competent authority has not taken a



decision in respect of the appeal filed by the petitioner, as such, order dated 02.08.2022 (Annexure P-16) is liable to be set aside.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No.2 to 5 submits that though in order dated 02.08.2022 (Annexure P-16), there is a reference made that the competent authority has not accepted the appeal but the fact is that the competent authority has not decided the appeal filed by the petitioner.

4. In light of the statement given by learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No.2 to 5, the impugned order dated 02.08.2022 (Annexure P-16) is set aside with liberty to the competent authority/Appellate Authority to pass a fresh order on the appeal filed by the petitioner, in accordance with law.

5. In view of the above, the present writ petition is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand(s) disposed of.

02.02.2026

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)

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JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :

Yes

No

Whether Reportable :

Yes

No