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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-8027-2026

Date of decision: 17.03.2026

VIRENDER SINGH

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

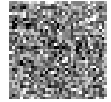
...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Aditya Jain, Advocate and
Mr. Yatin Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present Civil Writ 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.2 to decide the appeal (Annexure P-7) filed by the petitioner under Section 18 of the Arms Act against the order dated 20.09.2024 (Annexure P-6), within a fixed time-bound period, as the said appeal has been pending since 2024.
2. Learned counsel for 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 filed an appeal under Section 18 of the Arms Act, 1959. He further submitted that the appeal has been attached along with the present writ petition as Annexure P-7, which was filed on 11.10.2024 and the said appeal has not been decided till date and acute prejudice has been caused to



the petitioner. He also 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 submitted that he has received an advance copy of the present writ 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.2 to consider and decide the aforesaid appeal, the State has no objection in case respondent No.2 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 Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the appeal (Annexure P-7) 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.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

17.03.2026
Chetan Thakur

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