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

CWP-13841-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 05.05.2026

SUKHDEV SINGH

.... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESH CHANDER DIMRI

Present : Mr. Vikas Singh, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Simanpreet Kaur Dhawan, Advocate for the petitioner.

ALKA SARIN, J. (ORAL)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India averring therein that the petitioner has filed an appeal which is pending before respondent No.2 – Joint Development Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat (exercising the powers of Commissioner) – along with an application for stay.

2. Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has stated that though the appeal was filed along with the application for stay as far back as 08.09.2025, however, no orders have been passed on the application for stay despite the appeal being a statutory appeal. Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner further states that he limits his prayer in the present petition to the extent that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is given to respondent No.2 to decide the application for stay in a time-bound manner and till such time as the application for stay is decided,

no coercive action be taken against the petitioner.

3. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 and 2 only at this stage.
4. Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2. Learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2 is not in a position to deny the fact that the application for stay has not been dealt with by respondent No.2 till date despite the appeal having been filed as far back as 08.09.2025.
5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 – Joint Development Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat (exercising the powers of Commissioner) – to decide the application for stay expeditiously and in accordance with law. Till such time, as the application for stay is decided, no coercive action would be taken against the petitioner.
6. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed off.

(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

(RAMESH CHANDER DIMRI)
JUDGE

05.05.2026
Aman Jain

NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: Yes/No