



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

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CWP-11738-2026

Date of decision : 20.04.2026

Harvinder Kaur

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. R.K. Arora, Senior Advocate assisted by
Mr. Shivam Ahuja and J.S. Bhogal, Advocates
for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to decide the statutory appeal of the petitioner dated 18.09.2021 (Annexure P-3), within some reasonable time.

2. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner submits that against the punishment order dated 03.01.2019 (Annexure P-1), whereby punishment of removal from service has been imposed upon the petitioner and order dated 17.05.2019 (Annexure P-2), whereby another punishment of dismissal from service has been imposed upon the petitioner after her deemed retirement as per rules, the petitioner has preferred a statutory appeal dated 18.09.2021 (Annexure P-3) under Rule 15 of the Punjab Civil Service (Punishment and Appeal), Rules, 1970 which is still pending consideration with the Appellate Authority. He further submits that the petitioner has also served justice demand notice dated 12.02.2026 (Annexure P-5) to the respondents, however, no

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final decision on the said appeal has been conveyed to the petitioner. He further submits that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied, if appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to decide the statutory appeal preferred by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Swapan Shorey, D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

6. Without going into the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to consider and decide the statutory appeal dated 18.09.2021 (Annexure P-3) filed by the petitioner expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, preferably within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioner.

20.04.2026
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No