

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

**CWP No. 1139 of 2015
Date of Decision:-22.01.2015**

Sukhbinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH KUMAR MITTAL.
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL**

**Present:- Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.**

SATISH KUMAR MITTAL, J.(Oral)

The petitioner who is resident of village Raipur, Tehsil Balachaur, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, has filed the instant writ petition seeking directions to the respondents not to hold the auction of the trees in the village as permitted by the Deputy Director Department of Development and Panchayat, vide letter dated 7.1.2015, copy of which has been annexed as Annexure-P2.

Notice of motion.

Mr. G.C. Dhuriwala, DAG Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, it appears that the petitioner is apprehending that in the said auction the Panchayat will also sell the unmarked trees along with marked ones.

According to the petitioner the value of only 2039 trees has been got assessed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Nawanshahr and Garhshankar, whereas in the Panchayat area more than 2500 trees are existing. Therefore, his prayer is that the Gram Panchayat may only be permitted to sell marked trees which have been valued. As per the permission dated 7.1.2015 the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar and Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Balachaur, have been directed to remain present in the auction under whose supervision the auction of the trees is to be held on 23.1.2015.

In these circumstances, we direct both the above said Officers to ensure that no tree which is unmarked and whose value has not been assessed be allowed to be sold and only 2039 trees, value of which has been assessed will be auctioned in the auction scheduled to be held on 23.1.2015.

With these directions this petition is disposed of.

Copy of this order be supplied to the counsel for the parties under the signatures of Special Secretary.

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