

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

CWP No.13480 of 2015

Date of decision: 9.7.2015

Data Ram and another

....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT GUPTA

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Surinder Mohan Sharma, Advocate for the
petitioners.

HEMANT GUPTA, J.(Oral)

The challenge in the present writ petition is to an order passed by Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Bilaspur, District Yamunanagar on 07.04.2015 whereby Village Basti Yasin Majri (Hadbast No.157) was attached to Village Basti Yasin Majri (Hadbast No.155) across river as a single unit by deleting its voters from village Sadikpur to village Sadhaura Nadipar.

A perusal of the layout plan (Annexure P-9) shows that Basti Yasin Majri is located in two Hadbast numbers i.e. Hadbast No.157 and 155 separated by a river. Basti Yasin Majri (HB No.157) across river was earlier attached in the ward of village Sadikpur having a separate Panchayat at a distance of 3 KMs. By virtue of the order passed, the two parts of village Basti Yasin Majri have been attached in wards relating to village Sadhura Nadipar after deleting Hadbast No 157 from village Sadikpur at a distance of 3 KMs.

We find that the impugned process of delimitation of wards cannot be said to be arbitrary and unwarranted keeping in view the fact that Basti Yasin Majri is located in two Hadbast numbers and is bifurcated only by river. Therefore, keeping in view the principal of contiguity and compactness, it has been attached with village Sadhaura Nadipar.

We do not find that such decision of Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) warrants any interference in exercise of the writ jurisdiction of this Court.

Dismissed.

(HEMANT GUPTA)
JUDGE

JULY 9, 2015
‘D. Gulati’

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE