

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB
AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

CWP No. 17314 of 2015. [O&M]
Date of Decision: 27th August, 2015.

Gram Panchayat

Petitioner through
Mr. Saqib Ali Khan, Advocate

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors. Respondents through
Mr. K.K.Gupta, Additional AG, Punjab.

**CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH**

- 1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?**
- 2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?**
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?**

SURYA KANT, J. [ORAL]

The petitioner – Gram Panchayat was apprehending unfair deal in the matter of auction of its land which was earlier being conducted under the supervision of District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala and Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Samana. It was in this back-drop that the following order was passed on 20.08.2015:-

“The petitioner-Gram Panchayat owns 37 acres land which has to be auctioned for the year 2015-2016. It is alleged that the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala and Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Samana are colluding with private-persons who are occupying the land unauthorizedly and an attempt is being made to auction the land in their favour only.

Notice of motion.

On our asking, Mr.K.K.Gupta, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Let four copies of the writ petition be handed over to the State counsel during the course of day.

In view of the fact that auction is statedly to be held on 25.08.2015, we direct the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala to personally monitor the auction proceedings and get the same videographed. The petitioner and other members of the petitioner-Gram Panchayat shall also be associated while conducting the auction.....”.

In deference thereto, the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala has filed his affidavit explaining that the auction has now been fixed on 14.09.2015 and wide publicity is being given through leading Newspapers. He has further stated that the auction proceedings would be video-graphed and the auction shall be conducted under the supervision of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Samana.

In view of the above stated steps taken by the Deputy Commissioner, we have no reason to doubt that the auction shall be conducted in a fair and impartial manner. As a matter of abundant caution, the officers against whom the Gram Panchayat has made allegations, be not associated with the auction in any manner.

Disposed of. Dasti.

(SURYA KANT)
JUDGE

August 27, 2015.
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