

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.21791 of 2015

Date of Decision: October 12, 2015

Gram Panchayat, Village Vairo NangalPetitioner

versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.B.BAJANTHRI.

Present: Mr.B.S.Randhawa, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr.Rajesh Bhardwaj, Additional AG, Punjab.

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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)

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 5 only at
this stage.

On our asking, Mr.Rajesh Bhardwaj, learned
Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on their
behalf.

Let five copies of the writ petition be supplied to
the State counsel during the course of day failing which this
order shall be automatically recalled and the writ petition shall
be deemed to have been dismissed for non-prosecution.

In view of the nature of order which we propose to
pass, it is not necessary to seek any counter-reply from
respondent Nos.1 to 5 or to serve respondent Nos.6 & 7 at this
stage as no order prejudicial to their interest is being passed.

The Gram Panchayat of village Vairo Nangal, Block
Batala, District Gurdaspur has approached this Court with a

strange prayer. It is claimed that Gram Panchayat land measuring 6 kanal was leased out through a public auction to one Iqbal Singh son of Gurnam Singh for Rs.15,600/- but the Panchayat Secretary, namely, respondent No.6 on the very next day unauthorizely accepted a sum of Rs.16,000/- from respondent No.7 for that very land.

The grievance, if any, ought to have been expressed by Iqbal Singh and not by the Gram Panchayat who has got a higher bid for the same land. What it appears is that auction earlier got conducted by the BDPO, Batala, as well as the manner in which the Panchayat Secretary has accepted the bid amount, both require a probe by the authorities. We thus, dispose of this writ petition with a direction to the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur to hold a fact-finding enquiry and ensure that the Gram Panchayat land is leased out in a transparent manner and it must fetch maximum revenue through a bid where all the interested persons are required to participate. If an enquiury has already been entrusted and/or got done, the Deputy Commissioner will proceed further in accordance with that report, within a period of two months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

Dasti.

[SURYA KANT]
JUDGE

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