

**CWP-24125-2014**

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

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**Date of Decision: 18.09.2015**

Sarista Devi

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PARAMJEET SINGH**

- 1) Whether Reporters of the 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 ?

Present: Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S.Cheema, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. H.S.Sethi, Advocate,  
for respondent No.5.

**Paramjeet Singh, J. (Oral)**

Instant writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for setting aside the letter dated 30.10.2014 (Annexure P-4) issued by respondent No.4 whereby enquiry is being conducted into the utilization of government grants/panchayat funds of Gram Panchayat, Rasulpur Rangran, allegedly made by the petitioner being Sarpanch, on the basis of complaint dated 10.06.2014 (Annexure P-3) made by the respondent No.5.

After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the

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petitioner states that the petitioner will not be aversed, if enquiry is conducted and she may be associated with the enquiry enabling her to raise all the pleas before the enquiry officer.

Since allegations of siphoning off govt. funds have been levelled against the petitioner and enquiry has been ordered, the petitioner has a right to participate in the enquiry proceedings and can lead evidence in support of her case. The petitioner shall be afforded adequate opportunity of hearing and leading evidence by the enquiry officer and other authorities concerned in accordance with law.

Disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

**18.09.2015**  
parveen kumar

**(Paramjeet Singh)**  
**Judge**