

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

CWP-5521-2015

Decided on : 25.03.2015

Charanjit Singh and others

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIVE BHALLA**
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DARSHAN SINGH

Present: **Mr.P.S.Khurana, Advocate, for the petitioners.**

RAJIVE BHALLA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners, who are residents of village Chharbar, Tehsil Banur, District Mohali, are aggrieved by a resolution passed by the Gram Panchayat, duly approved by the State of Punjab vide order dated 20.04.2011, leasing out 175 bighas and 4 biswas of *Shamilat Deh* land.

Counsel for the petitioners submits that apart from the fact that neither the resolution nor the order granting approval refer to any public interest or the interest of the Gram Panchayat, the land taken on lease would result in acquisition of a large number of paths sanctioned and public areas, reserved during consolidation.

We have heard counsel for the petitioners and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the controversy, relegate the petitioners of their remedy of approaching the Collector under

Section 10-A of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 which provides an efficacious remedy to the petitioners.

In case, such an application is filed, it shall be considered and decided by the Collector **within two months** of its filing.

Disposed of accordingly.

[RAJIVE BHALLA]
JUDGE

25.03.2015
Shamsher S.Sabharwal

[DARSHAN SINGH]
JUDGE