

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

DATE OF DECISION: MAY 05, 2015

Nanak Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

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

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner, who is a Sarpanch of Village Dhesian, Tehsil and District Gurdaspur, has approached this Court, putting forth a grievance that Sh.Harwant Singh son of Sh.Asha Singh, who has been allotted a ration depot in the village is not distributing the items to the residents of the village. His behaviour with the villagers is also not good and accordingly the Gram Panchayat passed a resolution dated 20.10.2013 (Annexure P-1), requesting the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Dera Baba Nanak, to take appropriate steps in accordance with law, including allotment of Depot to some other person. When no response was received thereto, the petitioner alongwith Members of the Gram Panchayat and other residents of the village had sent a representation in the year 2014, highlighting therein regarding non-supply of items and his behaviour

towards the villagers but that too has not been responded to. Even thereafter a representation dated 13.01.2015 (Annexure P-4) has been sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur, pointing out the grievances of the residents of the village but that also has not in any manner changed the situation at the ground level.

Counsel contends that the petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the District Food and Supplies Officer, Gurdaspur-respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation (Annexure P-2) as filed by the petitioner as also the Members of the Gram Panchayat, Village Dhesian, District Gurdaspur, within some specified time.

In view of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioner and without going into the merit of the case or commenting thereon, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions to the District Food and Supplies Officer, Gurdaspur-respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation (Annexure P-2) in accordance with law within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioner forthwith.

May 05, 2015
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE