

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

CWP No.10296 of 2016

Date of decision: May 23, 2016.

Sardool Singh

... **Petitioner**

v.

The State of Haryana and others

... **Respondents**

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT**
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI

Present: Shri Vinod Bhardwaj, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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

Surya Kant, J. (Oral):

The controversy pertains to the alleged non-observance of transparency in the auction of more than 60 acres of its land by the Gram Panchayat of Theh Newal, Tehsil Guhla, District Kaithal.

The petitioner relies upon an inquiry report dated 6.4.2016 submitted by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kaithal pursuant to the directions issued by this Court on December 07, 2015 in CWP No.25506 of 2015 wherein it has been found that the auction of the land held on 1.9.2015 was admittedly illegal and the alleged auction was conducted secretly to give undue benefit to a set of persons.

Be that as it may, the petitioner's case is that fresh auction is scheduled to be conducted by the new Sarpanch on 24th May, 2016.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 7 at this stage. Ms. Kirti Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana accepts notice.

We dispose of this writ petition with a direction to the Deputy Commissioner, Kaithal to depute an officer not below the rank of DDPO/SDO (Civil) to supervise the auction, which must be held at a public place. The auction proceedings shall be duly videographed. If the concerned officer is satisfied that wide publicity has not been given, he shall be at liberty to postpone the auction for some days and ensure that full publicity is given and all the prospective bidders are made aware of the proposed auction.

A copy of this order duly attested by the Bench Secretary be given today itself to Ms. Kirti Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana for information and necessary compliance.

[Surya Kant]
Judge

[A.B. Chaudhari]
Judge

May 23, 2016.
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