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

CWP No.11776 of 2016

Date of decision: June 02, 2016

Gram Panchayat village Mauzgarh

.....Petitioner

Versus

District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner,
Fazilka and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. C.M. Munjal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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)

The petitioner is Gram Panchayat of village Mauzgarh, Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka. It seeks a direction to the official respondents for removal of encroachment in the public path. It is alleged that encroachment made by private respondents has been established by way of a demarcation report. In our considered view, Gram Panchayat is required to follow the prescribed procedure for eviction of encroacher. Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 contemplates summary proceedings in this regard.

We, thus, relegate the petitioner to the above stated remedy with a direction to the Director before whom such petition is filed, to decide the same expeditiously and not later than 6 months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

**[SURYA KANT]
JUDGE**

**[A.B. CHAUDHARI]
JUDGE**

June 02, 2016

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