

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

CWP No.12077 of 2016

Date of decision: June 03, 2016.

Harjinder Singh and others

... **Petitioners**

v.

State of Punjab and others

... **Respondents**

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

Present: Shri Satwant Singh Rang, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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 petitioners have laid challenge to the order dated 12.5.2016 whereby the appellate authority under the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 has directed the parties to maintain status quo regarding possession in a statutory appeal filed by the private respondents. The said appeal has been filed against the order passed under Section 11 of the Act whereby the Gram Panchayat was declared to be the owner of the suit land.

In our considered view, the status quo regarding possession, pending appeal, is a fair and just order and it calls for no interference by this Court. However, the petitioners rightly contend that the appeal deserves to be decided within a reasonable period. We have no reason to doubt that the Appellate Authority shall, subject to pendency of other old appeals, take up

the appeal filed by the private respondents and decide the same on merits as early as possible and preferably with four months.

[Surya Kant]
Judge

June 03, 2016.
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[A.B. Chaudhari]
Judge