

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 22319 of 2016
Date of Decision: 25.10.2016**

Jaspal Kaur

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present : Mr. Jatinderpal Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK J. (ORAL)

Feeling aggrieved against the alleged inaction on the part of respondent authorities, petitioner has approached this Court, by way of instant writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ in the nature of Mandamus.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that when the genuine grievance of the petitioner was not being redressed by the respondent authorities, she finally approached respondent No.2 by way of self contained representation dated 19.9.2016 (Annexure P-6), but the same is also pending decision. He further submits that the petitioner will be satisfied in case the District Development and Panchayat Officer, District Bathinda-respondent No.2 is directed to consider and decide her representation, within a reasonable time.

Civil Writ Petition No. 22319 of 2016

2

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, lest it should prejudice the rights of either of the parties, the District Development and Panchayat Officer, District Bathinda-respondent No.2 is directed to look into the matter, consider the grievance of the petitioner, raised vide her representation dated 19.9.2016 (Annexure P-6) and decide the same, at an early date by passing an appropriate order thereon, strictly in accordance with law, but in any case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

The District Development and Panchayat Officer, District Bathinda-respondent No.2 is further directed that, before passing an appropriate order, he shall keep in mind the observations made and directions issued by a Division Bench of this Court in its order dated 3.9.2015 passed in LPA No. 1505 of 2014 (Sona Kaur Vs. Director Rural Development and others) (Annexure P-9) and order of this Court in Smt. Harbans Kaur Kainth Sarpanch Vs. State of Punjab and others, 2003 (1) RCR (civil) 354 (Annexure P-10) as well as instructions dated 14.3.2016 (Annexure P-8)

With the abovesaid observations made and directions issued, present petition stands disposed of.

(RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK)
JUDGE

25.10.2016
Ak Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No