

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.2263 of 2016
Date of Decision: February 04, 2016

Gram Panchayat, BangawaliPetitioner

versus

Consolidation Officer, Sangrur and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.B.BAJANTHRI.

Present: Mr.Dinesh Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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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 impugned order dated 17.06.2008 (P-1) passed by the Consolidation Officer, Sangrur, is alleged to be an outcome of collusion and connivance. It is alleged that the order was kept as a secret and first time it saw the light of the day in November 2014. It is further alleged that the previous Gram Panchayat did not hand-over the relevant records to the newly elected Gram Panchayat nor factum of passing of the impugned order was disclosed.

In our considered view, the above-stated allegations can be effectively gone into by the Prescribed Authority on being approached or suo-moto by invoking its powers under Section 42 of the East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Act, 1948. We thus dispose of this writ petition relegating the petitioner-Gram Panchayat to approach the Prescribed Authority in

accordance with law.

With a view to enable the Gram Panchayat to file an appropriate petition, it is directed that status-quo re: possession shall be maintained for a period of one month.

Ordered accordingly.

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[SURYA KANT]
JUDGE

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JUDGE