

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 23455 of 2016
Date of Decision: 11.11.2016**

Mahabir Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present : Mr. S.S. Swaich, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK J. (ORAL)

Feeling aggrieved against the alleged inaction on the part of respondent authorities, petitioners have 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 Certiorari/Mandamus.

Learned counsel for the petitioners, at the very outset, submits that he does not intend to press this writ petition qua the writ of Certiorari. He submits that when the genuine grievance of the petitioners was not being redressed by the respondent authorities, they finally approached respondent No.3 by way of self contained representation Annexure P-10 (colly), but the same is also pending decision. He further submits that the petitioners will be satisfied in case the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government, Punjab-respondent No.3 is directed to consider and decide their representation, within a reasonable time.

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Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, lest it should prejudice the rights of either of the parties, the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government, Punjab-respondent No.3 is directed to look into the matter in consultation with the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, Punjab-respondent No.2, consider the grievance of the petitioners, raised vide their representation Annexure P-10 (colly) 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 one month from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

However, keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case and also to ensure that huge amount of public money may not go waste, no work shall start at the site till an appropriate decision is taken by respondent No.3 in consultation with respondent No.2.

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

(RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK)
JUDGE

11.11.2016
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No