

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.4578 of 2016

Date of Decision:-10.3.2016.

Anil Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

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

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?

Present: Petitioner in person.

SURYA KANT, J. (ORAL)

1.) The petitioner is an elected Councillor of Municipal Council, Mansa. Though the instant writ petition is claimed to have been filed in public interest but we find from the contents of various documents on record that the petitioner along with some other Councillors have a serious grievance against the manner in which Resolution Nos.72 to 90 have been passed in the meeting of the Municipal Council, Mansa held on 31.12.2015.

2.) The petitioner who has argued the case in person, claims that he along with 14 other Councillors have made a complaint to the State Government and various other Authorities against the alleged

high-handedness in passing of the impugned Resolutions as according to the petitioner, he along with other Councillors had boycotted the meeting but still they are shown to be present in the meeting.

3.) Having regard to the disputed question of facts like the one noticed above, coupled with the fact that the petitioner and other Municipal Councillors are said to have approached the State Government with their complaint, we dispose of this writ petition with a direction to the Deputy Commissioner, Mansa to hold a fact-finding inquiry and send his report to the Principal Secretary, Local Bodies Department, who in turn is directed to take an appropriate decision in accordance with law with respect to the genuineness of the Resolutions questioned hereinabove. While the Deputy Commissioner will send his report within three weeks, the State Government shall take its decision within a period of one month thereafter.

(SURYA KANT)
JUDGE

(P.B. BAJANTHRI)
JUDGE

March 10, 2016.

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