

CWP No.8549 of 2016

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

CWP No.8549 of 2016
Date of decision: 16.05.2016

Baljinder Singh Ichhewal

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PARAMJEET SINGH DHALIWAL

- 1) Whether Reporters of the 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.

Mr. S.S. Chandumajra, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

PARAMJEET SINGH DHALIWAL, J. (ORAL)

Instant writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondents No.1 to 3 to act according to law and implement the minutes of meeting dated 15.10.2015 (Annexure P-1) regarding payment of electricity bills of Government schools. Further prayer has been made to quash the notices dated 28.04.2016 (Annexure P-3) regarding discontinuing the electricity supply and direct respondent No.6 not to disconnect the electricity connection of the school.

Reply by way of short affidavit of Pankaj Sharma, Director Public Instructions (Elementary Education), Punjab, on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2, filed in Court today, is taken on record.

In pursuance of order dated 10.05.2016, Dr. G. Vajralingam, IAS,

Secretary, Education Department; Mr. Balbir Singh Dhol, DPI (Schools),

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Punjab and Mr. Pankaj Sharma, DPI (Elementary Education), Punjab, are present in Court. They have assured the Court that in future no such situation will arise and payments will be regularly made to the Electricity Department directly. Secretary, Education Department has further assured that they will write to the Electricity Department to send the electricity bills to Education Department and not to the Panchayats. So far as bills of the Government School in the case in hand are concerned, the same have already been paid.

In view of above, present petition has been rendered infructuous.

Dismissed as infructuous. The assurance given by the Secretary to pay electricity bill of the Government Schools shall be complied with for all intents and purposes.

(Paramjeet Singh Dhaliwal)
Judge

May 16, 2016
R.S.