

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.887 of 2016

Date of Decision:-15.01.2016.

Balkaran Singh Panch

.....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: Mr. Param Preet Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

SURYA KANT, J. (ORAL)

1.) The petitioner is an elected Panch of Gram Panchayat of Village Soorghuri, Tehsil Jaito, District Faridkot. His grievance is that the land reserved for common purposes like pond etc. of his village has been encroached upon and no action is being taken by the Authorities despite a Resolution passed by the Gram Panchayat for removal of such encroachments.

2.) Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner, we are of the considered view that the Gram Panchayat has got effective remedy against the encroachers by way of eviction proceedings under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation)

Act, 1961. In the interest of justice, it is directed that as and when the Gram Panchayat initiates such proceedings, the prescribed authority shall dispose of the same, expeditiously and preferably within six months.

(SURYA KANT)
JUDGE

(P.B. BAJANTHRI)
JUDGE

January 15, 2016.

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