

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-15337-2017

Date of Decision: July 17, 2017

Angrej Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL**

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| 1. | To be referred to the Reporters or not? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest? | Yes/No. |
| 3. | Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment? | Yes/No |

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Present: Mr.Dinesh Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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SURYA KANT, J.

The petitioners are residents of village Pakki Tibbi, Tehsil Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib. The Sarpanch and two members Panchayat are also amongst the petitioners. They allege that large scale encroachment has been made on Gram Panchayat land and the authorities/District Administration are taking no action for removal of such encroachments. Since the petition has been filed on behalf of the Gram Panchayat and its Office bearers are amongst the petitioners, it appears to us that the Gram Panchayat has got efficacious alternative remedy to initiate eviction proceedings against the encroachers under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961. If such a petition is/are filed by the Gram Panchayat, we direct the Assistant Collector Ist Grade to

expeditiously decide the same and preferably within six months from the date of such filing.

(SURYA KANT)
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| 1. | Whether speaking/reasoned ? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable ? | Yes/No |