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Grade but it is submitted that it has been passed way back in 1994.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and after examining the record, am of the considered opinion that there is no error in the order of the Financial Commissioner because Rule 15(d) of the Punjab Land Revenue Rules (as applicable) provides that in the matter of appointment of Numberdar, regard shall be had to the personal influence, character, ability and freedom from indebtedness of the candidates. The word 'character' has been independently used by the legislature which means that a person must have a clean image in all respects when he would apply for the post of Numberdar. In the present case, the petitioner has been found in unauthorised possession of the Panchayat land and did not voluntarily leave the possession and had to be evicted by the Panchayat by filing an application under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961.

In this background, order of the Financial Commissioner cannot be faulted because he has observed that the person to be appointed as Numberdar must be having a clean image.

In view of the aforesaid, I do not find any merit in the aforesaid petition and the same is hereby dismissed.

August 21, 2017
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(RAKESH KUMAR JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No