

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.19561 of 2017.

Date of Decision: August 31, 2017

Karam Chand and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL.

Present: Mr.Sandeep Singh Jattan, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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Surya Kant, J. (Oral)

The petitioners allege that *shamlat* land of their village including village pond (Johar) has been encroached upon and no action is being taken by the Gram Panchayat.

In our considered view, the petitioners have got an efficacious alternative remedy under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 whereunder any resident of the village can file petition for eviction of unauthorized occupants of the Gram Panchayat/*shamlat* land. It is directed that as and when such petition is filed, the Assistant Collector 1st Grade concerned shall decide the same in accordance with law expeditiously and preferably within a period of six months from the date of its filing.

The writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

[SURYA KANT]
JUDGE

August 31, 2017

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[SUDHIR MITTAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

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Yes/No

Whether Reportable

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Yes/No