

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

**CWP No.25829 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision.22.02.2017**

Harjinder Singh, Sarpanch

.....Petitioner

Vs

The State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

Present: Mr. G.S. Nagra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT RAWAL

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AMIT RAWAL J. (ORAL)

C.M. No.2164 of 2017

Application is allowed.

Annexure P-11 is taken on record.

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The grievance of the petitioner in the present writ petition is to the impugned orders (Annexures P-4 and P-6) whereby he has been suspended from the post of Sarpanch and appeal also dismissed.

On specific question being raised by this Court, Mr. Nagra submits that regular enquiry under Section 26 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 is pending adjudication. Without commenting upon the merits and demerits of the case and particularly when the regular enquiry is pending, as it may seriously prejudice the defence of the petitioner, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat before whom the enquiry is pending to conclude the enquiry proceedings as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt of

certified of the order. This will not be construed as taking away valuable

right of parties to lead evidence or cross-examination. The respondent No.2 shall ensure that none of parties indulge into adoption of dilatory tactics. If it is so, it will be well within its jurisdiction to pass appropriate orders.

The writ petition stands disposed of with the above direction.

(AMIT RAWAL)

JUDGE

February 22, 2017

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Whether speaking/reasoned order Yes

Whether reportable No