

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.29449 of 2017.

Date of Decision: December 21, 2017

Makhan Lal

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL.

Present: Mr.Narender Singh Kamboj, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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Surya Kant, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat of village Chak Kathgarh, Tehsil Jalalabad, District Fazilka. His grievance is that the Gram Panchayat land of his village has been leased out by the official-respondents allegedly in favour of private-respondents in collusion and connivance with each other and without associating the Gram Panchayat. The petitioner alleges that the Gram Panchayat has suffered huge loss as a result of the above-stated auction.

Since the petitioner has got an effective alternative remedy to seek annulment of the lease by way of a petition before the D.D.P.O.-cum Collector under Section 10-A of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961, the instant writ petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to avail such remedy. It is directed that in case the petitioner files a petition under Section 10-A of the 1961 Act within one month, the Collector, Ferozepur shall decide the same in accordance with law within a period of three months from the date of its filing. Similarly, the petitioner shall also be at liberty to submit a separate representation to the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Collector, Ferozepur for the release of funds

to the Gram Panchayat and such a representation shall be decided within a period of one month from the date of its submission.

Ordered accordingly.

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[SURYA KANT]
JUDGE

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No