

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

[1] Civil Writ Petition No.5038 of 2017.
Date of Decision: August 10, 2017

Gram Panchayat, Faridpur, Distt. PatialaPetitioner
versus
State of Punjab and othersRespondents

[2] Civil Writ Petition No.5039 of 2017.
Date of Decision: August 10, 2017

Gram Panchayat, Faridpur, Distt. PatialaPetitioner
versus
State of Punjab and othersRespondents

[3] Civil Writ Petition No.5086 of 2017.
Date of Decision: August 10, 2017

Gram Panchayat, Faridpur, Distt. PatialaPetitioner
versus
State of Punjab and othersRespondents

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

Present: Mr.Harneet Singh Oberoi, Advocate, for the petitioner(s)

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Surya Kant, J. (Oral)

This order shall dispose of Civil Writ Petition Nos.5038, 5039 and 5086 of 2017 as similarly worded orders are under challenge in all these petitions.

For brevity, the facts are being extracted from CWP No.5038 of 2017.

The petitioner-Gram Panchayat has chosen to challenge the orders dated 19.06.2009 and 03.07.2009 at this stage. The petitioner-Gram Panchayat was party to the proceedings in which both these orders passed. The orders were thus in the knowledge of the petitioner-Gram Panchayat from the very beginning. The instant writ petition has been filed after about

8 years without explaining the inordinate delay in any manner. The writ petition has been filed through the Panchayat Officer who nowhere alleged that the Sarpanch or the Panches of Gram Panchayat were in collusion with the private-respondent(s) or that the impugned orders are outcome of any fraud played on the Gram Panchayat. The impugned orders have attained finality and by now vested rights have accrued in favour of the private-respondent(s). At this juncture when the matter stands settled, it cannot be unsettled on the mere plea that the impugned orders are illegal. The principle that a vigilant litigant is expected to approach the Court within a reasonable time, would equally apply to a juristic person like the petitioner-Gram Panchayat also. In the absence of any explanation whosoever, we are not inclined to entertain this writ petition at this belated stage.

Dismissed.

[SURYA KANT]
JUDGE

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JUDGE

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