

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.10721 of 2018 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 3rd DECEMBER, 2018

Mirza Singh & another

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. B. CHAUDHARI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H. S. MADAAN

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Present : Mr. N.P.S. Mann, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Anu Pal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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A. B. CHAUDHARI, J. (Oral)

Rule.

Heard forthwith with consent of counsel for the rival parties.

It is not in dispute that the grievance made by the petitioners in this writ petition has not been adjudicated by the competent authority, despite the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in the case of *Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee versus State of Punjab and others*, in *CWP No.8290 of 2013* passed on 13.06.2013.

In our opinion, since the elections of the Gram Panchayat is to be held in the near future and the mandate of the aforesaid judgment is that the authority must adjudicate upon the grievances of the concerned party(ies), we think it would be appropriate for the authority to decide the grievances by passing a speaking order after granting opportunity of hearing.

In that view of the matter, we direct respondent No.2 to hear this matter and pass speaking order. Needless to say that the contesting parties in the present petition would also be heard by respondent No.2 within a period of one week from today. The decision shall be given, in accordance with law, within three days thereafter and before the notification of the election is announced, whichever is earlier.

Copy of this order shall be placed before respondent No.2 by the petitioners.

The Rule stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid.

(A. B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

3rd DECEMBER, 2018
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(H. S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>