

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

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CIVIL WRIT PETITION NO.16380 OF 2018

DATE OF DECISION: JULY 09, 2018

Shingara Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, SAS Nagar and
others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Suresh Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has approached this Court praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, to take appropriate steps as per the report submitted by the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Roopnagar and pass appropriate orders thereon.

It is the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner that as per the report of the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Roopnagar, dated 23.01.2018 (Annexure P-3), allegation Nos. 1 and 3, as made by the petitioner in the complaint, have been found to have been proved against Charanjit Kaur, Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Village Lassari-respondent No.3. On that basis, the Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, has called for the comments of the District

Development and Panchayat Officer, Roopnagar, on the written reply which has been submitted by respondent No.3 vide communication dated 18.04.2018 (Annexure P-4). Counsel contends that despite 15 days granted to the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Roopnagar, which would have expired by now, no action has been taken by the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, on the report dated 23.01.2018 (Annexure P-3). He, therefore, contends that the inaction on the part of respondent No.1 cannot sustain.

This contention of learned counsel for the petitioner cannot be accepted as the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat department, is already seized of the matter and has not finalized the case with regard to the complaint of the petitioner, the direction, as is being sought to be prayed for, is not required to be issued keeping in view the fact that the matter is already under consideration with respondent No.1, as is apparent from the communication dated 18.04.2018 (Annexure P-4).

The writ petition, therefore, being devoid of any merit at this stage, stands dismissed.

July 09, 2018
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

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