

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.20433 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 17.08.2018

Lehna Singh and others
.....Petitioners
Versus

State of Haryana and others
.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: None.

MAHESH GROVER, J. (Oral)

The only prayer made in the present petition is that the proceedings initiated under Section 7 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 (*hereinafter to be referred as 'the Act'*) is pending since March, 2017 and the same should be completed expeditiously with a proper mandate to the competent authority.

After considering the matter, we are of the opinion that since proceedings under Section 7 of the Act would suggest unauthorized occupation of the village land, it would be in the interest of justice if the mandamus, as prayed for, is granted.

We, therefore, dispose of the present petition with a direction to the competent authority to decide the proceedings under Section 7 of the Act as expeditiously as possible within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order. We make it clear that no untoward adjournments shall be granted to either of the parties.

Disposed of in above terms.

(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE

August 17, 2018
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

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