

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

CWP No.22390 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 18.05.2018

Gram Panchayat, Village Surjan Bhaini,
Block Andana at Moonak, District Singrur.

. . . Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Ms. Sushma Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.B.S. Chahal, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Avneesh Jhingan, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed by the Gram Panchayat, Village Surjan Bhaini, Block Andana at Moonak, District Singrur for direction to respondent No.2 to allow the petitioner to spend the grant given to the Gram Panchayat for various development works in the area.

Grievance of the Gram Panchayat was that it is not being allowed to spend the grant for various development works in the area.

On notice, respondents filed reply dated 20.02.2018 in the shape of affidavit of Smt. Rupinder Kaur, Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Andana at Moonak, District Sangrur, on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 i.e. respondent No.1-State of Punjab, respondent No.2-Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab and

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respondent No.3 Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Andana at Moonak, District Sangrur.

In para 3 of the preliminary submissions, the respondents have stated that they have never stopped the Gram Panchayat from spending grant of the said area. It has further been stated that Gram Panachayat is at liberty to spend the said grants for the development of the area. Para No.3 of the reply is quoted below:-

“That mainly the petitioner gram Panchayat alleged in the writ petition that the gram Panchayat is not being allowed to spend the said grant for the development of the area. In this regard it is submitted that the petitioner gram Panchayat was never stopped by any of the authority of the department of the answering respondent to spend the said grant of the said area. The petitioner gram Panchayat is at liberty to spend the said grants for the development of the area.”

In view of the statement made in the written reply, the grievance of the petitioner no longer exists.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

May 18, 2018
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Whether Speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No