

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

CWP No.5215 of 2018

Date of Decision : 24.07.2018

Sukhdev Singh and another

....Petitioners

Versus

Director Rural Development and
Panchayat Punjab and others

....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Anupam Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MAHESH GROVER, J. (Oral)

This is a writ petition questioning the orders of the
Collector Annexure P-3 as also of the Commissioner Annexure P-4.

The petitioners had filed a petition under Section 11 of the
Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 claiming
ownership of the suit property. Both the courts dismissed the petition
by holding that the petitioners had miserably failed to prove their title,
as no evidence in this regard was produced.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has reiterated the plea
of being owners but has failed to bring to our notice any such
material that may have been brought on record before the authorities
below to establish his title. Even before us in writ proceedings no
attempt has been made to produce any record despite the fact that the
matter was adjourned twice over since March 2018 when it was taken
up for the first time.

The petitioners would assert their prolonged possession but to our mind this would not be reflective of a legitimate title. As against this the Gram Panchayat has produced revenue records to show the entries in their favour and more importantly the fact that this land was reserved for construction of a bus stand/shelter.

We are thus of the opinion that since the petitioners have failed to adduce any evidence of ownership both before the authorities below as also before us, we would decline interference in the exercise of writ jurisdiction and since no other point has been urged, we dismiss the petition.

(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE

24.07.2018
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No