

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

CWP No. 7441 of 2018.

Date of Decision: 10.12.2018.

Gram Panchayat, Raipur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jitendra Chauhan

Present : Mr. Manjeet Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG, Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN.J.(ORAL)

The petitioner seeks quashing of order dated 08.01.2018 (Annexure P-4) and order dated 23.02.2018 (Annexure P-8) passed by respondent No.3 vide which the work of pavement of one particular street being executed by the petitioner-Gram Panchayat has been ordered to be stopped.

It is contended that after completing all the formalities, the petitioner Gram Panchayat had started the work of pavement of streets and drains strictly in accordance with the technical approval. However, vide order dated 08.01.2018 (Annexure P-4) and order dated 23.02.2018 (Annexure P-8) passed by respondent No.3, the work in question has been ordered to be stopped.

Respondent Nos. 1 to 4 have stated in their written statement that all the Gram Panchayats and Panchayat Samities have been dissolved in the State of Punjab vide notification dated

16.07.2018 issued by the Government, therefore, the petitioner Gram Panchayat has ceased to exist. It is further submitted that an Administrator, who is a government employee, has been appointed in the petitioner Gram Panchayat for performing the day to day work in the village. The development work of pavement of one particular street shall be carried out by the subsequent Gram Panchayat which would be elected in the panchayat elections to be held in the State of Punjab. Vide impugned order dated 23.02.2018 (Annexure P-8) it has only been directed that street/drains mentioned at serial Nos. 1 to 5 in the said order be constructed on priority basis. The street in question was ordered not to be constructed at this stage.

In view of above, the learned counsel for the petitioner states that at this stage, he will be satisfied in case a direction is issued to the respondents to complete the developmental work expeditiously preferably before monsoon season.

Learned State counsel states that she has no objection if the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner is accepted.

In view of above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent Nos. 1 to 4 to complete the work in question expeditiously preferably before the start of monsoon season.

10.12.2018.
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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

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