

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

226 **IOIN-CWP-11861-2011**

**Court On Its Own Motion
Vs.**

State of Punjab and others

Present: Mr. Atul Nehra, Advocate

Ms. Sunint Kaur, Asstt. AG, Punjab.

Mr. Sandeep Moudgil, Addl. AG, Haryana.

Ms. Akanksha Sawhney, Advocate &
Ms. Priyanka Dalal, Advocate
for UT, Chandigarh.

On 12th February, 2013, the present writ petition was
disposed of with the following operative order:-

"We have heard learned counsel for the parties and have also gone through the record from which we have found that in the State of Punjab, Department of Housing & Urban Development having various statutory development authorities is allegedly working for providing user name and password to all the owners of the property, the Revenue Department has uploaded jamabandis containing the ownership with regard to 93% revenue estates on the website and the Local Government is also designating officers in this regard. The State of Haryana, in order to adopt the Land Titling Bill, 2011, conceived by the Central Government, has already made their suggestions/recommendations and the Union Territory, Chandigarh has proposed to bring relevant provisions in the Chandigarh Estate Rules, 2007 for obtaining NOC from the Estate Office before sale/transfer of the said property within its jurisdiction.

Although all efforts are being made by both the States and U.T., Chandigarh, but still the work in this regard is incomplete, therefore, keeping in view the importance of the issue involved where property of the true owners are being sold/transferred by the unscrupulous imposters, we dispose of the present writ petition with direction to both the State of Punjab and Haryana and U.T, Chandigarh to complete their process already undertaken within a period of six months from today and place their status report on the record of this case.”

2. A perusal of the aforesaid operative part of the order dated 12th February, 2013, shows that while disposing of the writ petition, the States of Punjab and Haryana as well as UT, Chandigarh were directed to complete the process already undertaken by them within a period of six months from the date of passing of the order dated 12th February, 2013 and further were directed to place their status reports on the record of the present case.

3. In pursuance thereto, various status reports had been filed by the States of Punjab and Haryana as well as UT, Chandigarh. The State of Punjab had filed the status report dated 29.04.2016 (although the date on affidavit is 02.05.2016) by way of affidavit of Sh. Dilraj Singh, IAS, Director Land Records-cum-Special Secretary Revenue to Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh, wherein, it was stated that in compliance to the orders passed by this court, the process of computerization of the revenue records through Online Computerized System had been undertaken and was likely to be completed shortly. It was confirmed that the same has been so done now.

The State of Haryana had filed their status report on 25th May, 2015 and submitted that the work of the revenue record computerization is under progress and whatever is remaining shall be completed at the earliest. A status report has been filed by way of affidavit of Sh. Vikas Yadav, Secretary to Government of Haryana, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, in Court today, wherein, in Para 4, it has been stated that the following progress has taken place:-

"4. That since the filing of last status report by way of affidavit dated 25.05.2015, the following progress has been made in the matter :-

(1)At present out of total 7088 Jamabandies 6774 Jamabandies are available online on the website <http://jamabandi.nic.in>. Out of the 7088b Jamabandies 6774 have been made available online, 228 were put offline for updation, 69 jamabandies were under consolidation and 17 jamabandies were found not feasible. Moreover, all these services are being provided to the people in a time bound manner.

*(2)With regard to the digitisation of files of allottees by HUDA, the progress report of the same is annexed to this Affidavit as **Annexure R2/1**. Further, user ID and password has already been provided to all the allottees by HUDA. The allottee can also obtain his/her user ID and password from the Single Window of the concerned Estate Office. SMS alert facility has been provided for every process and a SMS alert is sent of the applicant's mobile for*

current status of application with pending/approved detail.

*(3) To make the system of transfer citizen friendly elaborate guidelines/forms are made available on the Websites of these authorities. The progress report of the updation of accounts of the allottees of the Haryana Housing Board is annexed as **Annexure R2/2.***

(4) The training centre of Directorate of Land Records has imparted training to 1922 Revenue officials for various durations during the last four years i.e. 2013-2017."

5. Another status report filed by way of affidavit of Sh. Manoj Khatri, Assistant Estate Officer-Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, UT, Chandigarh, in Court today, stipulate in Para Nos. 3 & 4, thus:

"3. That the record pertaining to allotment branch of Estate Office consisting of i.e. (50,000) fifty thousand files containing pages (1,03,91,137) one crore three lacs ninety one thousand one hundred thirty seven has been got scanned. Meaning thereby that the scanning of entire record pertaining to allotment branch is almost completed.

4. That the property record consisting of (20,389) Twenty thousand three hundred eight nine files containing pages (15,13,736) Fifteen lacs Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred and thirty six of Estate Office SDO (Building) Branch (including maps) has

been got scanned. Remaining (11,500) Eleven Thousand Five Hundred files including maps are under process for scanning. The process of quality check of files of both allotment and building branch has also been completed. However, the entire scanned record is being digitally signed by the concerned officials."

Both the aforesaid status reports filed by way of affidavit are taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. Office to tag the same at the appropriate place.

6. Learned counsel for the respondents candidly submitted that the major portion of the revenue records has been made online and thus the work of digitization/computerization of the revenue record is almost completed. However, whatever is left, the same shall be completed expeditiously.

7. In view of the above assurance, no further orders are required to be passed.

8. Disposed of accordingly.

(AJAY KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

January 18, 2018

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