

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

CWP-6406-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 25.07.2019

Gram Panchayat, Sarangpur, U.T, Chandigarh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present:- Mr. B.S. Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Pankaj Jain, Senior Standing Counsel,
Mr. Sanjiv Ghai, Additional Govt. Pleader,
for respondents No. 3 to 5 – U.T., Chandigarh.

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KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (ORAL)

This writ petition challenges the notification dated 30.11.2018 issued by Local Government, Chandigarh Administration exercising powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 as extended by the Punjab Municipal Corporation Law (Extension to Chandigarh) Act, 1994 to include certain villages in the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh with effect from the date the elected term of the Gram Panchayats ends.

2. Admittedly, the petition has been filed by three Gram Panchayats and petitioner No. 4 is a Member of Zila Parishad, Union Territory, Chandigarh. There is no dispute about the fact that the elected term of the Gram Panchayats has come to an end and thereafter notification dated 30.11.2018 has come into effect. Once the Gram Panchayats are no more in existence, this petition filed at their behest is not liable to continue any

further.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that when the petition was filed the term of the Gram Panchayats was subsisting.

4. Be that as it may, today when the petition has come up for consideration, the elected term having expired, no Gram Panchayat or Sarpanch is there in existence. Even otherwise, a draft notification was issued inviting objections and the final notification dated 30.11.2018 has been issued after considering the same.

5. In the wake of above facts and discussion, this writ petition as a matter of fact after completion of term of the elected bodies, who are the petitioners, is not maintainable and accordingly stands dismissed.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

25.07.2019
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whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
whether reportable	Yes/No